

Student and former student arrested in drug bust *Both charged with three felonies and released on bail while they await trial*

by Kate A. Griffith
Flashlight editor

A Mansfield University basketball player lost his position on the team after he and a former MU football player were arrested on drug charges in Mansfield on Dec. 28, 1995.

MU Senior Cornell Smith and former student Maurice Jordan were arrested and charged with three counts each: possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, and delivery of a controlled substance to a confidential informant.

"All three counts are felonies," said Mansfield Borough Police Officer Merle Garrison.

Mansfield Borough Police Department obtained a search warrant for 134 Sullivan St. after both Jordan and Smith sold marijuana to an undercover informant. The officers seized \$160 in cash, approximately a quarter pound of marijuana which was packaged and prepared for delivery, drug paraphernalia and packaging materials.

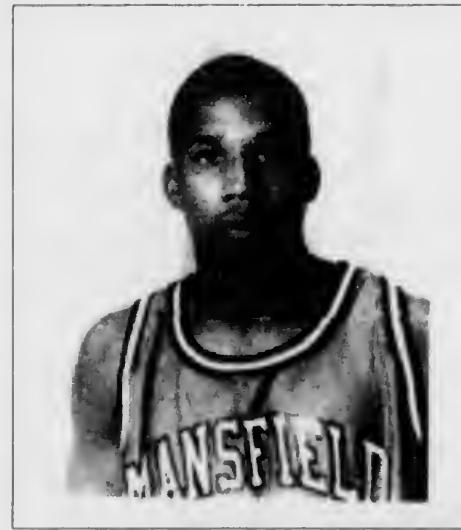


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Smith

According to Garrison, the Mansfield Police Department worked with the Tioga/Potter County Drug Task Force on this investigation.

"The investigation ended with this arrest," Garrison said.

The marijuana was packaged into 25 to 30 1/8 oz and 1/4 oz bags for sale, Garrison said.

Smith was dismissed from the MU basketball team by coach Tom Ackerman. Unlike the football



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Jordan

team, the basketball team is not mandated to do drug testing on its players.

"Drug testing is not mandated, so we don't do it," Ackerman said. "We don't have the money so we've never set a policy."

The team would be subject to random drug testing if they made it to the playoffs, Ackerman said.

"I was shocked," Ackerman said. "I think it will ultimately help us become a better basketball team and

even a better basketball program."

Jordan began school at MU in 1991. He is currently not enrolled in classes, according to Joseph Maresco, vice president of student affairs.

"As far as I know, there are no charges pending on campus because of the timing and nature of the circumstances," Maresco said.

Both Jordan and Smith chose to waive their preliminary trial, Garrison said.

"They may choose to plea bargain and plead guilty to get a lesser sentence on the advice of their lawyers," Garrison said.

If they plead guilty, Jordan and Smith wouldn't have to stand trial.

Smith could face financial aid difficulties if he is convicted. According to Chris Vaughn, director of financial aid at MU, a student who is receiving Title IV financial aid could potentially lose that aid if he is convicted on drug-related charges.

Title IV financial aid includes work study grants, Stafford loans, PELL grants and SEOG grants.

Convicted former student deported from the US

by Daniel Mendonça
Flashlight editor

A former Mansfield University student was released after spending 45 days as an inmate at Tioga County Court Jail and deported to his home in India.

Puneet Baghat, 23, citizen of India and former computer science major at MU, was charged last November by both borough and campus police.

MU police charged him with two counts of forgery, one count of theft

by deception and one count of receiving stolen property. The Mansfield Borough police charged Baghat with one count of receiving stolen property.

According to Probation Officer David Stager, Baghat was convicted of forgery, and received 45 days to 23 months in jail and a restitution payment of \$2,109.50. For receiving stolen property, Baghat was sentenced to 45 days to 23 months in jail and a restitution payment of \$5,647.40.

"The charges have not yet been paid," Stager said. "(Baghat) is to send

the payment from India."

Baghat was arrested at the JFK International Airport in New York City on the evening of Nov. 3 as he tried to leave the country with stolen property, Mansfield Borough Police Chief Paul Shaw said.

According to Director of Purchasing Tekeste B. Abraham, Baghat was able to acquire the equipment by faxing forged purchase orders to several computer equipment retailers. In total, the purchase orders exceeded \$22,000.

"Mansfield University has no

responsibility over the purchased items," Abraham said.

According to Karen Polenski Collier, director of university police and safety, Baghat will also have to pay \$1,400 in restitution for the plane ticket which he acquired from a NYC travel agency when trying to flee the country.

"The borough police recovered all the equipment and it has been sent back to its respective vendors," Collier said.

Tioga County Court officials were not available for comment.

Officials announce North Hall to be completed in March this year *Library renovations may not be completed for first session of summer classes*

by Eugene G. Yager
wire editor

Thursday morning officials of buildings and grounds set the tentative date for the completion of North Hall.

According to Larry Clark, director of management and planning, North Hall will be completed on March 1.

North Hall Library will house the former Butler, Retan, and Main libraries.

"The move is going to be staged in a few directions," Clark said. "The first move starts May 11 and will be ending on June 11. That move will be the Butler Library and the main library."

According to Clark, because the move will occur during the first

half of the summer sessions, it is very possible that the students who take classes during the first summer session will be without the benefit of a library.

Clark said that one of the options being considered is the scheduling of all non-library essential classes for the first half of the semester.

"Another possibility is not having summer school for the first half of the semester," Clark said.

At that point, the library will be ready for the second half of the summer semester, Clark said.

A total of two moves will occur, Clark said, with the second move transferring all books from Retan to North Hall during August 3-20.

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North Hall is set to open in March of this year. According to officials, the building will be in full use by next fall.

Student Voices

by Sam Cleveland

Q. "Did last week's storm cause you any inconvenience?"



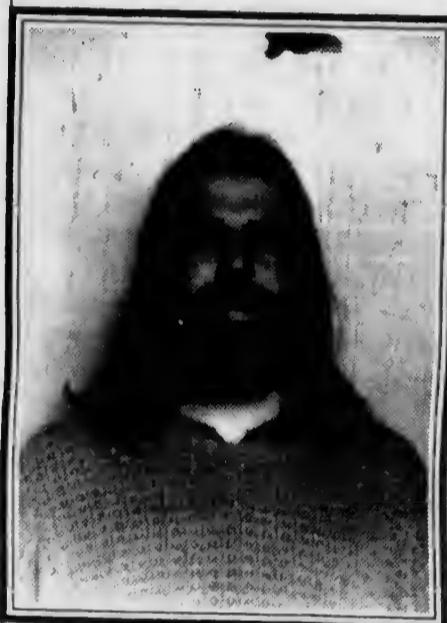
David Majewski
Junior

"It inconvenienced my weekend a great deal. Beware: the end is near."



Stacy Ayers
Sophomore

"The storm was a problem if you were off-campus and do not own an umbrella."



Robb Bomboy
Sophomore

"No, I stayed here in Mansfield."



Gene Starr
Senior

"I'm not water soluble so it didn't really matter."

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Clark said that they are accepting the bids of various contractors and will make a decision shortly.

According to Donald Wilson, carpentry foreman for buildings and grounds, North Hall construction is within budget.

"We are within the guidelines of the budget as it was established," Wilson said.

According to Wilson, recent rain storms, which caused flooding throughout much of Pennsylvania did

not have any negative effects on North Hall.

To celebrate the opening of North Hall, there will be a contest held for the best watercolor, oil, or acrylic painting of the building.

The winner of the contest will receive a \$1,000 prize, donated by the College Community Service Incorporated and Art Acquisitions Committee.

Paintings are due by April 1, 1996 and will be judged May 1 by members of the art department.

Police Beat

01/14/96

18:45 Theft of money from dorm room reported.

01/15/96

11:30 Broken water pipe on first floor of Pinecrest.

15:30 Hit and run accident involving unattended property.

01/16/96

10:00 Two vehicles blocking a driveway were towed from Lot A. Unsuccessful attempts made to contact owners.

13:30 Student fell on ice at north end of Pinecrest.

Maintenance salted area upon notification.

15:50 Damage of parked vehicle on Clinton Street reported.

18:20 Money stolen from an unlocked dorm room in Hemlock.

01/17/96

06:40 Report of minor motor vehicle accident at Decker Gym.

01/18/96

09:42 Assisted PA State Police in serving a warrant on MU student.

19:23 Theft of watch in Maple.

01/20/96

19:45 Medical assistance of Manser employee in Manser lobby.

01/21/96

00:30 Broken window in Maple.

02:23 Medical assistance at Zanzibar.

02/25

Cedarcrest RA was threatened with retaliation after documenting 3 male subjects and 2 female subjects for an alcohol violation. Subjects made the statement that they would "get him."

15:00 Upper class parking decal missing from complainant's vehicle.

01/22/96

17:40 Assisted Mansfield police in a domestic dispute at a Morris Ave.

residence.

01/23/96

07:30 Student reported being harassed.

10:20 RA's children became locked in dorm room. Maintenance was called and the lock was changed.

10:55 Unlawful entry of clinic.

01/24/96

14:45 Lost or stolen vehicle decal reported.

01/25/96

12:45 Theft of two bolts of vinyl wall paper from locked cabinet in North Hall.

01/26/96

18:32 Possible theft of ski jacket from residence hall lounge reported.

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Winter rain storm does little damage in Mansfield

More than three inches of rain and two and a half inches of melted snow drenches town

by Matt Peterson
managing editor

Heavy rains hit the Mansfield community last Friday. The rising waters left many students and townspeople inconvenienced.

The rain began falling heavily at about 7:30 a.m. and did not stop till almost 2 p.m. leaving 3.1 inches of water in its wake, Ed Grala, borough manager said.

The rain, combined with close to 2 1/2 inches of melted snow, caused the town and campus to go into a state of emergency that closed many local roads and highways, Grala said.

"Tioga County got hit especially hard," Tom Dunham, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service said. "I don't think anyone predicted it would be this big; it was comparable to hurricane weather."

Due to the harsh weather and road closings, many commuter students had trouble getting to and from school.

Mary Williams, a senior Information Systems major and commuter student from Towanda, PA, said that the conditions were so bad Friday morning that she had to turn around while she was driving to school.

"The conditions were poor when we left at a quarter of eight and we got a third of the way to school and the roads were closed," Williams said. "I don't think it was wise to keep school open."

The road closings and floodings also cancelled many university functions and kept students in town for the night.

MU film series begins semester with "The Lotus Eaters"

by Josh Cusatis
staff reporter

"The Lotus Eaters," a film about life, was presented by the philosophy department to an audience of about twenty people last Wednesday.

The movie is about a family that lives on a remote island in British Columbia, Canada. The story revolves around a daughter, Chloe, whose life is stifled by her parents until she decides not to marry Duane, who gets her pregnant. Another plot is how Chloe's father, Hal, after twenty years of marriage, decides to have an affair with Miss Andrews, who happens to be the new teacher of his daughter, Zoe's, school. The movie also tells how Zoe's life is changed by these events and others such as the death of her grandmother. The movie features a number of other people whose lives are altered in some way, as well.

The movie is called "The Lotus Eaters" because of a myth that surrounds the island that the people of Canada believe. A long time ago, a group of people came to the island and these people are said to have eaten the dream

"Some friends and I were going to go to the mall to see a movie but we had to cancel because the roads were closed," Bryan Murphy, sophomore, said.

Despite the inconvenience for students and townspeople, both the town and the campus managed to get through the storm without any major damage, Grala said.

"All in all, we feel we were pretty fortunate," Grala said. "I am sure there were a few flooded basements in town, but it could have been much worse."

Larry Clark, director of facilities for Brooks maintenance, in charge of maintenance for the university, said that the university came through fine.

"There were a few roof leaks here and there, but I think we got away lucky," Clark said.

A major task for the campus workers assigned with handling the water was keeping the catch basins and water ways on campus clear of debris. By doing this, the water could flow into the drainage ditches instead of running off the hill and flooding the roads, Grala said.

However, clearing the ditches became difficult because of the strength of the rain, Clark said.

"The rain was so heavy that it started washing rocks and stones into the catch basins instead of the average sticks and branches," Clark said.

But, even when the catches were clear, the rain had no where to go because the drainage pipes were full. This caused flooding on portions of First, Fourth, Second, East Main and St. James Streets, Grala said.

inducing lotus flowers thus, earning them the name "The Lotus Eaters."

Philosophy professor Dr. Robert Timko held a discussion period after the movie to talk about the symbolism and curiosities contained in the movie. The discussion centered on the change, renewal, mythology, and the cyclic features that are pertinent to the story line of the movie. One cyclic pattern occurs when Chloe gets excited about seeing the Beatles in concert at the beginning of the story and then at the story's close, she gets excited about going to see the Rolling Stones.

The cyclic pattern is shown through the comparison of Hal's and his father's lives. When Hal was four, his father cheated on his mother and then left her. Hal's mother told him that his father was dead and she cried for 16 days. When Hal has an affair much later, his wife leaves him, then takes him back, telling him that she mourned for 16 days.

Timko said that the biggest underlying theme of the movie is that every now and then we need a reality check to keep our lives in perspective.

"In order to dream (the effect of eating the lotus flowers) we have to wake up," Timko said.

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Heavy equipment had to be brought in to clean up the storm drain near the baseball field. The Governor declared a state of emergency in the county.

Another area of town that experienced flooding was Smythe Park off of Main Street.

The town usually expects water to run off the hills into the park. However the massive amount of water flowing down to the park caused it to become overloaded with water, Grala said.

"There was well over two feet of water in the park," Grala said. "The wind was blowing the water right out of the catch basins and into the park."

Grala recalled actually seeing a picnic table floating on the water at one of the park's deepest points.

According to Grala, the town of Mansfield also experienced some minor problems with sewage and water treatment because of the harsh rains and melted snow.

The campus also experienced problems with water treatment and had to ask the university students to conserve water for several days because it could not be treated, Clark said.

"The water was very high in Corey Creek and was pouring over the spillway making it impossible for the water to be treated," Clark said.

MLK Conference to focus on diversity and multiculturalism on campus

by Chris McGann
layout editor

promoting mutual understanding and developing good relationships among different cultures around the world, according to Cooper.

"We don't have an MLK holiday," Cooper said. "Having a day off wouldn't be beneficial in continuing Dr. King's work anyway. We decided to have this forum to increase cultural awareness."

The event is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Black Student Union, the Advisory Board for Diversity, the Student Affairs Office, and through a grant from the Social Equities Office."

"Having more people who are involved means having more interaction among people," Cooper said.

"I think that it is a very good idea," said BSU President Monica Glenn. "Last year's conference turned out better than we expected."

The schedule of events is posted outside of the BSU office in Memorial Hall

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Pennsylvania in the News

Justice, court officials convicted of case fixing

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A 70-page notebook containing names and dates was among the evidence prosecutors used to convict a magistrate and two court officials of fixing hundreds of cases in exchange for cash, gifts and favors.

Jules Melograne, a district justice in suburban Pittsburgh; his brother, Nunzio, a judge's aide in Allegheny County Statutory Appeals Court; and Walter "Bobo" Cross, a supervisor in the same court, were found guilty Monday of conspiracy to violate civil rights and commit fraud.

The officials were convicted in a scheme to fix 272 cases in exchange for money and gifts including sports tickets,

liquor, lunches and roof repairs. The cases involved traffic violations and other minor infractions such as improper disposal of yard waste and dog control violations.

"The jury has spoken. Our clients are disappointed," said J. Alan Johnson, the attorney for Jules Melograne.

The evidence included Nunzio Melograne's 70-page notebook listing people whose cases were fixed from 1991 to 1993 and the names of those who supposedly sought the favors.

That list included judges, former city councilmen, a state representative and police officers. No one else has been charged in the case.

Man charged with shoving woman down mine shaft

MATHER, Pa. (AP) — Authorities have charged a man who admitted pushing a woman into a 550-foot mine shaft during an argument. A friend of his said he joked about it afterward.

State police accused Franklin "Junie" Virgili Jr. of killing Jolene Bowers, even though they haven't retrieved her body from the Clyde Mine in Morgan Township, about 40 miles south of Pittsburgh.

The search will resume today or Wednesday, once safety concerns are resolved. The mine, which dates from the turn of the century, has been closed two years and officials are worried about dangerous gases that may have accumulated in the wood-lined shaft.

Virgili, 26, was jailed without bond.

An arrest warrant said he and Bowers, 20, bought two six-packs of beer Friday night, parked near the mine shaft and had sex in the car.

The two later sat on a steel beam

above the mine shaft and began arguing, the warrant said. It said Virgili admitted knocking Bowers into the shaft with his forearm. State police found muddy footprints on the beam.

On Saturday, Virgili told at least three people he had killed Bowers.

"I didn't believe him," said Christa Turner, a friend. "He was always lying. It was too outrageous, what he was telling us."

"Besides, he didn't show any remorse or anything," said Turner's husband, Steve. "He was kind of snickering about it, acting like it was a joke."

Authorities said the pair were romantically involved, but Bowers' family denies that.

Virgili was charged with criminal homicide, a general count that covers everything from involuntary manslaughter to murder. Prosecutors decide later what specific charge to pursue.

Plane flips over at Allentown airport

ALLENTEW, Pa. (AP) — Heavy fog may have played a role in the crash of a small airplane that injured three people at Lehigh Valley International Airport, aviation officials said.

A Mitsubishi MU-2 twin-engine turboprop ran off the runway at 7:20 p.m. Thursday and flipped over on its side, breaking off both wings, said Larry Krauter, director of facilities and planning.

The airport was shut down while the accident was being handled, Krauter said. Incoming flights were rerouted while outgoing flights were grounded, Krauter said.

The Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board were investigating the accident.

The three victims were identified as pilot William Benskin, 42, and passengers Mike Murray, 53, and Steven Lau, 40. All were treated and released from

Muhlenberg Hospital Center in Bethlehem, a spokeswoman said.

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Eight year old produces bag of marijuana in class

JANESVILLE, Wis. (AP) — An 8-year-old student produced a bag of marijuana during a health-class discussion of drugs, telling his classmates that his mother and father smoked the substance, authorities said.

Police were summoned, and officers said the boy told them that he had found the marijuana between the seats of his mother's vehicle.

The boy later asked his sister what it was, and she told him it was marijuana, according to police reports.

The boy said he brought the marijuana to Madison Elementary School because he wanted to ask his teacher if it was, indeed, marijuana.

The youngster said he hid it from his parents because he was afraid of being spanked.

A week or two earlier, the boy said, his mother spanked him and sent him to his room after he surprised her smoking from a small pipe.

The boy's parents denied having drugs in the home. The woman admitted to an earlier cocaine conviction, but said she has been drug-free since, authorities reported.

Officers said they searched the home and found no drugs.

The parents suggested that the marijuana may have been left in their vehicle after they hauled trash or may have been put there by a friend.

Police referred the matter to social service officials.

Principal Niel Bender said Tuesday that the boy was suspended for a day while possible further action was considered.

"You have to look at the situation," Bender said, adding that the boy's actions appeared innocent.

The teacher handled the situation appropriately Monday, Bender said, bringing the bag to the office immediately and telling the boy not to discuss it further with classmates.

Little bears wind up around world

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The little red bear from Pennsylvania sat on a steel table aboard an Air Force C-17 cargo jet flying from Bosnia to Germany as a soldier and a reporter negotiated over its future.

Senior Master Sgt. Vince Minnillo had specific instructions: You have to take this bear with you as far as you are going. If you stop, pass it to somebody else taking a trip. By May 17, the five-inch bear with the beady eyes has to be back home at Uwchlan Hills Elementary School in Downingtown, about 35 miles west of Philadelphia.

"Geobear," as the handwritten tag identifies it, was sent out to see the world by Michael Thompson, a kindergartener in "Mrs. Schumacher's class."

The laminated tag asks people to help the bear see the world, and help make Michael's geography lessons more interesting.

Minnillo, 42, of Charleston, S.C., had done his part, taking the bear on trips to Tuzla and Sarajevo in Bosnia, Pisa in Italy, Ramstein in Germany and Taszar in Hungary.

Now, he was passing the bear to a reporter heading home to Brussels.

"I think it's probably a great geography lesson," beamed Minnillo, stuff-

ing the bear, its log book and a few souvenirs collected along the way into the nylon sack provided by Michael and his class.

Julie Schumacher, reached by phone at the school in a Philadelphia suburb, said each of the 52 kindergarteners and first-graders in her geography classes sent out a bear.

"We've received hundreds of postcards," she said. "We have a big map of the United States and the world and we're mapping out their trips."

The trips began at the start of the school year. Michael's bear started out accompanying a neighbor to South Carolina, then traveled with others through North Carolina, Virginia, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware and Tennessee.

At some point it hooked up with the U.S. Air Force and things really got interesting.

The bear has traveled to Germany, Croatia, Bosnia, Italy and Hungary — and now is resting at the home of an Associated Press correspondent.

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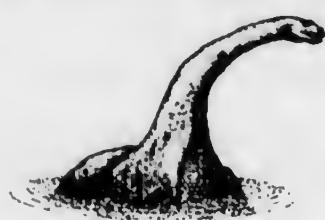
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Art History Association meeting, Thursday, February 1, 7pm. Allen Hall, room III. Call Sandy with questions: 662-1257.

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'96 brings new changes to the *Flashlight*

The Flashlight has made several changes this semester in both our staff and our format.

Foremost, our editorial staff has been both rearranged and expanded. Kate A. Griffith and Daniel Mendonça have taken over the position of co-editors in chief. We plan to keep up with the level of excellence that the Flashlight has shown in the past few years. We hope to continue to open the lines of communication on the campus of Mansfield University and prove to those journalism majors that aren't on our staff that working on the Flashlight is the only way to build a portfolio in this program.

Matt Peterson will act as managing editor. He plans to help new reporters understand the inner workings of Associated Press style. He's also working on erecting a mailing system so that the *Flashlight* will be received by all of the schools in the State System of Higher Education.

Eugene G. Yager has taken over the position of wire editor. He'll continue to bring news off the Associated Press Wire and the SSHE wire. The SSHE wire service is available through the network server at Bloomsburg University, where all 14 newspapers from the schools in the state system can exchange news stories, features, sports and photos related to their latest events.

Liz Barrett and Sam Cleveland are our new photo co-editors. Their goals are to get us lots of good photos and to have them developed before 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Liz started with us last semester and has proven to be very talented and dedicated to the Flashlight.

Julie Houck has taken over the position of ad manager. She has already gotten us a plethora of ads, more than we even have room for. We hope that if we can increase the amount of ads we run we can have a 20 page paper every week. Normally we run 16 pages. Michelle Cuff, our former advertising manager couldn't stay with the Flashlight for personal reasons.

Jason Bricker has become our assistant sports editor. He's going to learn the tricks of the trade before Amber graduates, so he can keep up with the same great work that Amber has done so far.

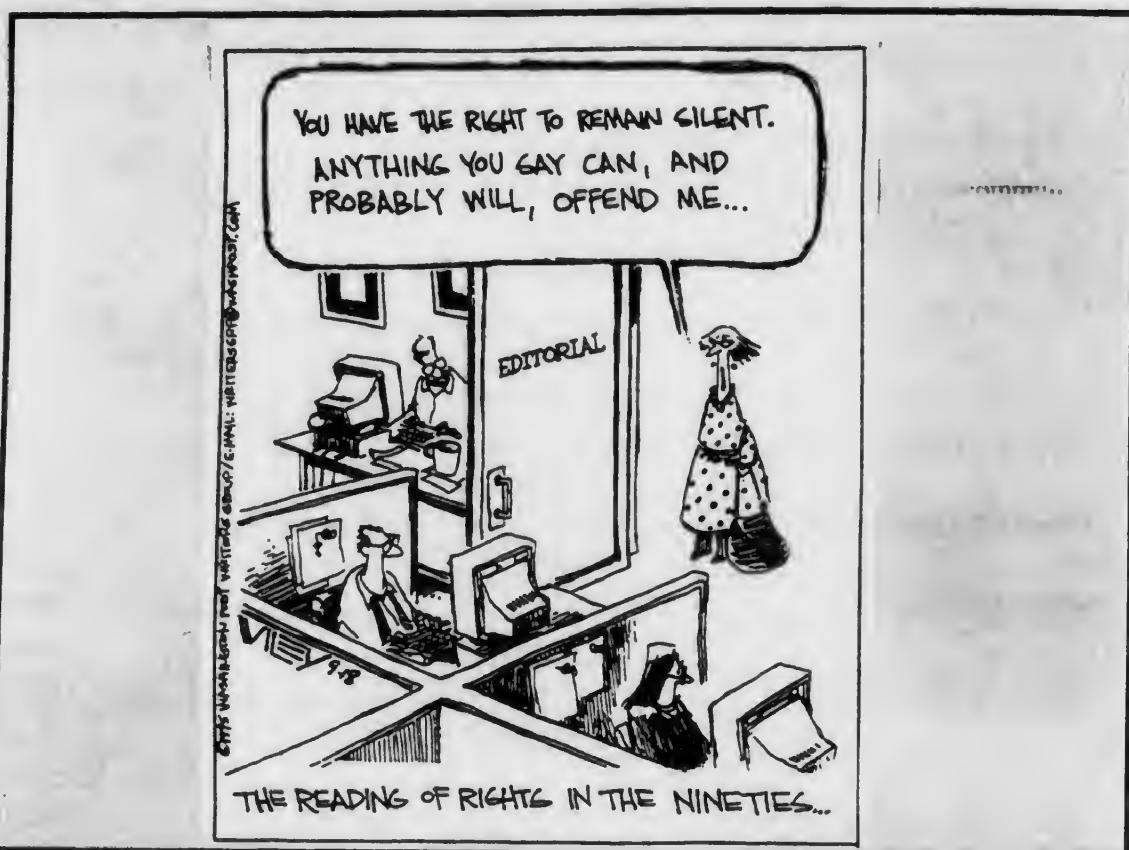
Secondly, we have decided to change the format of our Campus Bulletin Board page by adding a classified ad section. Last semester we chose to eliminate personal messages from the Bulletin Board page. This raised a lot of questions and complaints on the part of the campus. In response, we have chosen to convert half of that page to accommodate the need for personal messages. We chose to do this because every newspaper within the SSHE system offers such a service; they'll print your personal messages—at a price. The ads will cost \$2 for every 25 words and 10 cents for each additional word. We feel that this price is competitive and reasonable.

The main reason behind our decision to create a classified section is because many organizations were quite unsatisfied when their announcements didn't run, and many personal messages were displayed. The same complaint would also come from the other end. In order to solve the problem and make everyone happy we decided on the introduction of the classified section. We hope it works for everyone.

As far as the remaining editors and staff, they are going to hold to their positions this semester and get ready for changes again next semester when Daniel and Matt graduate and new positions are going to open.

As far as new members, we welcome anybody who likes to work hard. The Flashlight requires a lot of dedication and it can be used as a good tool for your future, no matter what your major is. The Flashlight has many positions available, so stop in and see where you fit in. Remember, the Flashlight is yours and you should make use of it.

Opinions -



This space is reserved for you! Every week the *Flashlight* publishes letters from our readers. If you have any concerns or would like to voice your opinion on any subject related to life at Mansfield University, send us a letter to the editor.

Letters to the editor policy

The Flashlight is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry a signature or signatures of the writer(s). Unsigned letters tell us the writer is not willing to take responsibility for what he or she has written. So, why should we?

In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The Flashlight reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the Flashlight office, 217 Memorial Hall, Monday through Friday, or mailed to the above address.

Commentary policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary you may turn it in to the Flashlight office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writer's name, major, class and phone number. Non - students are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week, we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

Commentary

Columnist scared to death of medical care



Dave Barry

I will frankly admit that I am afraid of medical care. I trace this fear to my childhood, when as far as I could tell, the medical profession's reaction to every physical problem I developed, including nearsightedness, was to give me a tetanus shot. Not only that, but the medical professionals would always lie about it.

"You'll hardly feel it!" they'd say, coming at me with a needle the size of a harpoon.

As a child, I was more afraid of tetanus shots than, for example, Dracula. Granted, Dracula would come into your room at night and bite into your neck and suck out all your blood, but there was a positive side to this: namely, you could turn into a bat and stay out all night. Whereas I could see no pluses with the tetanus shot.

Of course today I no longer have this childish phobia, because, as a mature adult, I can lie.

"I just had a tetanus shot this

morning!" I can say, if the issue ever arises. "Eight of them, in fact."

But I'm still afraid of medical care. And I'm not encouraged by TV medical dramas such as "E.R." If you watch these shows, you've probably noticed that whatever some pathetic civilian gets wheeled into the hospital emergency room on a stretcher, he or she is immediately pounced upon by enough medical personnel to form a hospital softball league, all competing to see who can do the scariest thing to the victim. Apparently there's a clause in the standard Television Performers' Contract stating that every character in a medical drama gets to take a crack at emergency patients:

FIRST DOCTOR: I'll give him a shot!

SECOND DOCTOR: I'll pound on his chest!

THIRD DOCTOR: I'll stick a tube way up his nose!

FOURTH DOCTOR: I'll find an unoccupied section of his body and cut it open for no good reason!

JANITOR: I'll wash his mouth out with a toilet brush!

Now you're probably saying: "Dave, you big baby, those are just TV SHOWS. In real life, bad things do not happen to people who fall into the hands of medical care."

Excuse me for one second while I laugh so hard that my keyboard is short-circuited by drool. Because I happen to be holding in my hand a bulletin-board notice that was sent to me by a Vermont orthopedic surgeon named either "David H. Bahnson M.D." or "Oee sa~ depending on whether you're reading his

let~erhead or his si~natur~

Dr. Bahnson told me, in a phone interview, that he found this notice over the "scrub sink," which is the place where doctors wash their hands after they operate so that they won't get flecks of your vital organs on their Lexus upholstery.

No, seriously, the scrub sink is where they wash their hands BEFORE operating, and Dr. Bahnson said that this notice had been prominently displayed there for several months. It is entitled — I am not making this up — **EMERGENCY PROCEDURE: FIGHTING FIRE ON THE SURGICAL PATIENT.**

Yes, you read that correctly. Dr. Bahnson told me that, although it has not happened to him, fires sometimes break out on patients during surgery, particularly when hot medical implements accidentally come into contact with surgical drapes.

The bulletin-board notice discusses two types of situations: "small fire on the patient~ and large fire on the patient." There are step-by-step instructions for dealing with both of these; Step 3 under 'large fire on the patient,' for example, is: Care for the patient."

I was surprised that the procedure was so definite. You'd think that, what with all these medical lawsuits, the instructions would call for more caution on the part of the doctors. ("Mrs. Dweemer, we think you might be on fire but we won't know for sure until we have a specialist fly in from Switzerland to take a look.")

Now, before I get a lot of irate mail from the medical community, let me stress that not all surgical patients catch on fire. Some of them also explode. I am referring here to a November article from The Medical Post, sent in by alert reader Lauren Leighton, headlined: "BEWARE EXPLODING PATIENTS." This article states that nitrous oxide — which is sometimes used as an anesthetic in stomach surgery — can get mixed up with intestinal gases, which have been proven to be highly combustible in countless scientific experiments conducted in fraternity houses. If this mixture is ignited by a spark from a surgical implement such as an electric cautery, the result can be what the article refers to as "intra-abdominal fires."

In what could be the single most remarkable statement that I have ever read in a medical article, one expert is quoted as saying — I swear this is a real quote —

'Patients aren't exploding all over, but there is the potential for it.'

Ha ha! I certainly am feeling reassured!

No, really, I'm sure we're talking about a very small number of patients exploding or catching on fire. So if you, personally, are scheduled to undergo surgery, you needn't give this matter another thought, assuming that you have taken the basic precaution of having a personal sprinkler system installed on your body.

No, seriously, I'm sure your operation will go just fine. And even in the unlikely event that you do explode, you may rest assured that, no matter how many pieces you wind up in, every one of those pieces will, in accordance with modern medical standards, receive a tetanus shot.

Retiring lawmakers take big pensions with them

Larry Margasak

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dozens of lawmakers are quitting a Congress they see as less hospitable, but their misery will be tempered by the generous pot of retirement money they'll take with them.

With 34 House members (seven are running for the Senate) and a record 13 senators retiring so far, a small group of lawmakers say they'll redouble efforts to curb future congressional pensions.

The National Taxpayers Union, the conservative watchdog group that has pushed hardest for congressional pension changes, has been estimating the pension of each lawmaker who announces retirement.

The NTU calculated, for instance, that Rep. G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery, D-Miss., would receive an initial annual benefit of nearly \$107,000. Sens. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., and Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., would begin with more than \$96,000, the group estimated.

Over a lifetime, using life insurance mortality tables, the organization predicted that Reps. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo. and Robert Walker, R-Pa., would receive more than \$4 million in benefits.

Congressional pensions are so controversial because legislators gave themselves a retirement system superior

to that of federal workers. The federal system, in turn, is more generous than many private systems, according to Labor Department figures.

The issue has sprung up in campaign for the Republican presidential nomination.

"I will deal with the congressional pensions," television commentator Pat Buchanan said Jan. 13, referring to \$4 million lifetime pensions as "a looting of the American taxpayer."

Magazine publisher Steve Forbes said in a 30-second television ad, "Million dollar pensions for Congress paid for by taxpayers? Steve Forbes says, 'No,' politicians shouldn't receive taxpayer-funded pensions."

The ad accused the leading GOP contender, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, of voting to increase congressional pensions.

Dole voted in 1991 and 1989 to raise senators' pay, which also increased their pensions. But he also voted for the GOP budget balancing bill last year, which included language to make future congressional pensions the same as those of other federal workers.

The language, originally proposed by Sen. Richard H. Bryan, D-Nev., was not enacted because President Clinton, at odds with Republicans over the budget, vetoed the legislation.

Dole, referring to the budget bill, told CNN Jan. 10, "If there's something wrong with our pension system, we ought to correct it, and we did it ... And

in fact, I helped get it done."

Dole said he was "taking a look" at passing the proposal again this year, while Bryan added that he is searching for another measure to amend with his pension equality plan.

Bryan said he'd like to restore the one provision dropped from his bill in the budget language: capping retirement pay so that it could not exceed a lawmaker's last year of salary. Rank-and-file lawmakers currently earn \$133,600 a year.

"An elitist approach is not defensible," Bryan said. "The overriding thing is to reform the system in which a member of Congress and (congres-

sional) employees receive a higher pension than others in federal service. In my view, that's unconscionable."

"I wasn't really expecting them to do it the first year," David Keating, executive vice president of the National Taxpayers Union, said of the reform effort that began last January. "People still are refining what the best proposal would be."

Keating said that equalizing congressional and other federal pensions, as Bryan wishes to do, still would be "too generous" to lawmakers.

He endorsed a proposal that would abolish the congressional pension plan, except for the tax-deferred savings component by Reps.

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Unmentionables

Students come first at MU.... No, really!

by Ian Kaiser
staff vegivore

We here at Mansfield University are proud to present another great semester! You will be happy to know that it will be jam packed with all the quality features that you have come to expect, plus a few special added bonuses. We have a team of demographics research specialists working day and night to give you the excitement we know you want. And you get all this free with your paid tuition! What a great deal! Would you pay any less for these intriguing values? We offer you:

Surprises!!! We chose 200 students at random and dropped all the classes that they had stayed up all night to register for in November. If you were one of the lucky 200, bring 10 copies of all your signed add slips to the bookstore before Tuesday, January 16th, and you'll win all the text books no one wanted last semester.

Thrills!!! One shower on each floor of every dorm will alternate between freezing cold ice water (absolute zero degrees Fahrenheit) and water so hot hot hot that your skin will turn that lovely shade of lobster red. You never know when it could happen to you! And you thought your 8 am Chemistry class kept you on the edge of your seat!

Increased Convenience!!! Plans are underway to scrap the fabled rec center project. You will instead be paying for the construction of a new dor-

mitory. This completely modern, high-tech facility will have smaller rooms that actually hold three people, and soap will be provided in the bathrooms! No more carrying that bar of Dial in your pocket every time you need to use the water closet. This marvelous piece of architecture will make everyone in their right minds want to attend our school. Not only will it have 15 floors, making it the tallest building in Tioga County, it will also be located just past the baseball field, so residents can wave to their friends in all the other dorms as they walk to class. What great exercise! A meeting of the greatest minds in the administration has been called to decide whether to call the new building "Dogwood" or "Sumac." Housing costs will change slightly (an increase of not more than \$500), but we feel that it will be worth it. Since we will have so many extra rooms, students will no longer have to go through the ordeals of finding an apartment and living off campus. Instead, all students will be required to live in the dorms! How's that for a good deal?

Yummy Food!!! We hear students complaining about the food served by our dining services. Your comments are important to us. While we find nothing wrong with the food we serve (hey, we don't eat it), it is our job to give the students what they want. As a matter of fact, a contract was developed last semester to build a fast food mini-plaza in the new and improved North Hall Centre. We decided to put in a Burger King, a McDonald's, a Pizza Hut, and a Taco

Bell. This would allow you to spend meal equivalency and flex on the food you really want. But after two administrators developed heart problems, we realized that it is our chief duty to care for your health. So the fast food idea was thrown out the window, and we went back to the drawing board. We have now established a contract with both Tofu Hut and Spelt Burgers Inc. These restaurants will provide a large selection of the tastiest health food around. Meal specials may include healthy, scrumptious items such as Organic 10 Sprout Salad with Lowfat Dressing (lemon juice) and Soy Lovers Pizza. For dessert why not try some non-dairy, sugar free, preservative free, additive free, and taste free Perrier Pops! You'll feel better than you ever have. (Oh, and South Side will no longer be serving cheese steaks, as they have been found to cause increased life insurance rates in laboratory rats.)

So you see, we here at Mansfield University care about our students, and we will continue to strive to increase the quality of our services and the size of your bill. We think that the more you pay for your education, the more it will mean to you. Keep your eyes open this semester for some of the great surprises that we have planned for you. Rumor has it that MAC will book an outstanding spring concert with all the money they saved in the fall. It will be called MULapalooza, and will feature Primus, Hole, Dave Matthews, Garth Brooks, Rusted Root, Tori Amos, Metallica, Concrete Blonde, and Nine

Things Best
Left Unsaid

"How do
you cheat
when
you're
playing
with
yourself?"

Inch Nails. MULapalooza will then be canceled shortly after tickets go on sale, and we will book Englebert Humperdink at the last possible minute.

There is lots to look forward to this spring, so stay tuned to Mansfield University!

Find the hidden messages in this nonsense. We dare ya!

by Josh Cusatis
lotus eater reject

Hidden meanings, They're everywhere. They can range from something that you've never seen in a common object to subliminal messages in the inane. Many of them are just strange little curiosities but many of them can have serious social implications. Well, I'm here to expose them to you so you can learn to recognize them and better protect yourself from them.

Take for instance a couple of posters that we freaks up here at the *Flashlight* have taken it upon ourselves to blatantly sprawl across our walls. The first is a poster from the movie *Backbeat*. At first glance it just looks like a collage of pictures from the movie but, when standing a large distance away, it makes out the word "Fab." As in "The Fab Four" for the Beatles. The other poster is the infamous "Have A Day" poster that has inspired years of inane yet sacred graffiti. The poster, which is dotted with various little smiley faces, not only makes fun of the classic "Have a Nice Day" saying, it also contains a hidden picture. Again, when you stand at a distance from the poster, all of the little smiley faces seem to make out one large smiley face.

It's things such as this that can enhance the quality of your life and protect you from many different conspiracies such as the ominous green box that lies behind Manser Dining Hall, just down the hill from Zanzibar. The basic principle of finding these hidden meanings and pictures is being able to read

between the lines. Doing this means that you're not excepting the whole message that everyone seems to be sending. It means you are thinking for yourself and exploring what is not commonly seen. If you can't do that, you're screwed because you will be swept along in the stream of popular consciousness and end up jumping off a cliff with the rest of the lemmings. If you can see the hidden pictures, you are blazing a brave new path and it may require a pretty sharp machete but you may find your destination quite desirable.

Now enough of that because I can't get a good train of thought about hidden meanings anymore. Besides, between me and you, I don't really want to talk about that anymore. Now lets just switch gears. So fasten your safety belts and grab a big juicy hamburger 'cause here we go.

Vegetarians. I'm sick of them. Don't get me wrong, I don't hate them. My fiance happens to be one. But I'm about to scream if I hear anymore crap about how killing animals is immoral and how meat is bad for you. I'll tell you what I want. I want to be as unhealthy as possible.

I want a cigarette made of toxic level tobacco, asbestos, ragweed, and a slight amount of ammonia and bleach. I want enough toxic particles in my bloodstream to make a case of cotton fever look like a fluffy little bunny romping through the forest. I want it to feel like a sledgehammer is striking me in the chest, and knocking me three years into the past. I don't know how that has anything to do with vegetarians but I made some correlation between the two and that's

what counts. I think.

Remember kids, toxins are bad for you. That's why you should never eat green Jell-O with little orange and white bits in it. We really don't want to have to deal with cleaning up your shattered heads since very few of us actually have stain resistant carpets and the blood scrubber technology from *Fahrenheit 451* just doesn't exist yet.

I don't think that I have to tell you that it's bad to put your mouth over a tailpipe for a car but if all of my friends were jumping off of a bridge I probably would too. I'd be pretty bored.

Fooled you! See? The hidden meaning of this story is that I can't hold a complete thought for longer than ten seconds. You'd better study some more and come back later.

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Setzer picks up 20th win, team falls to 4-6

by Amber Lakits
sports editor

The Mansfield University wrestling team (4-6) fell 38-7 Saturday January 20 to Shippensburg University.

"We wrestled well," Head Coach Hank Shaw said. "We just got caught in a few key spots."

After a forfeit at the 118 lb. weight class and a pin in the 126 lb class, MU's Bart Gonzales (134 lbs.) came on strong with a solid decision over John Christman.

"Bart Gonzales is wrestling very well for us," Shaw said. "His 10-3 record is pretty good in our competition."

The only other Mountie victory

on the night came in the form of captain Scott Setzer. Setzer, who wrestles at 190 lbs, picked up his 20th win Saturday becoming the only wrestler in Mountie history to pick up three 20 win seasons.

"Scott is unquestionably leading the team as a captain," Shaw said.

A key issue that has been hampering the team all season is injuries. The entire starting lineup right now is completely different from the one the team had in the start of the season. Key players like Charley and Tim Tuttle (190 lbs and heavyweight) and Kevin Oswalt (190 lbs) are out of the lineup forcing younger wrestler to step up and take control of the situation. Some freshman Matthew Rickard, who normally wrestles at 167 are forced to wrestle out-

side their weight class. This week he wrestle at 177 lbs.

"Things like this happen," Shaw said. "Guys like Rickard illustrate how guys feel about the team. They are not just lying down."

Besides injuries, the team is without two players who are no longer in school leaving them without a wrestler at the 118 lb level.

"It's pretty hard to come back to pick up the victory when you are behind 6-0 right from the start," Shaw said. "It's hard to keep up team morale."

This weekend the Mounties will wrestle in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference wrestling championship at Millersville University.

"I'm not concerned with out-



Mansfield University wrestler Scott Setzer picked up his 20th win.

team score. I just want the guys to do the best they can do," Shaw said. "I think a lot of guys are going to surprise themselves."

Mountie men's basketball split last four games

by Joe Wagner
sports reporter

The Mansfield University men's basketball team went to a 9-7 record as they dropped two and won one in their last three games.

The Mountaineers have an 0-3 record in their games with other Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference teams in the Eastern Division. They rest at the bottom of the PSAC East standings, sharing the spot with Kutztown.

"Certainly we had much higher expectations," Head Coach Tom Ackerman said. "Some things have not gone our way."

The Mountaineers theme so far this year has been to dig themselves out of the holes created by scoring deficits early in the game.

On January 13 the Mounties traveled to West Chester to play the 11-5 Golden Rams. Mansfield dropped the game by a final score of 87-70. MU's John Sowell and Louis Judson had the hot hands. Sowell had a total 27 points, going 12 of 23 from the field. Judson continued his impressive season by nail-

ing 4 of 8 three-pointers. He tallied 24 points all told. Freshman C.J. Palmer was impressive as well scoring 12 points in 27 minutes of play. Senior center Rick Shaw had six points.

"West Chester played extremely well," Ackerman said.

Despite the loss Ackerman was impressed by the strong showing of two of his freshman.

"John Sowell and C.J. (Palmer) showed what they can do. They showed promise."

Two days after the West Chester game, the Mounties traveled to Slippery Rock University to battle the Rockets. They came out of the contest victoriously, with their ninth non-divisional win. Though only leading by one at the half, the Mounties ended up blowing the game wide open to win 86-68.

Shaw scored 35 points on the night. Shaw was 10 of 13 from the field and 15 of 21 from the foul line.

"(Shaw) dominated at both ends of the court," Ackerman said. "He played as good a game as I've ever seen him play."

Judson continued his long range scoring barrage as he scored 23

points. Tyrone Fisher added 15 points and Sowell contributed eight more. Barrett Jones and Steve Shannon had four points a piece.

On January 20 the Mounties visited Cheyney University (7-8) and lost by a score of 71-60.

"We dug ourselves into a hole early...but, we never quit playing," Ackerman said.

The Mountaineer shooting was not up to par in the first half. They were six of 24 having only a 25% field goal percentage. Neither Judson nor Jones could manage a three-pointer before the intermission. The score at the half was 21-33 in favor of the Wolves.

Jones lit up the second half, hitting five of six three point goals. Jones was the leading scorer for the Mountaineers with 27 points. Fisher had 11 points and both Shannon and Judson had nine points. The Mounties outscored Cheyney in the second half but could not pull off the victory.

Judson holds the PSAC statistics for both the best three-point field goal percentage (48.4%) and the best free throw percentage (88.8%). He is also in the top 20 for total scoring, tallying 254

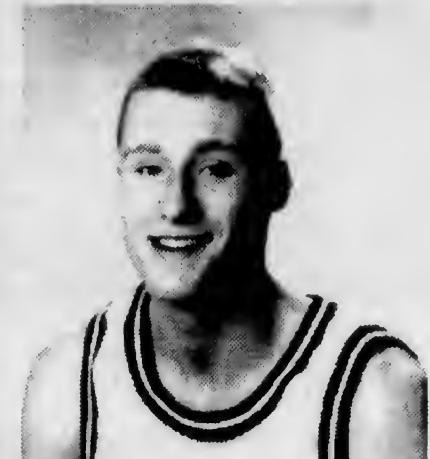
points. Fisher is fifth in the league for assists having 74 total, averaging 4.6 per game. Jones is seventh in the PSAC for his record 2.5 three-point field goals per game. Shaw is in the top 20 for his total of 119 rebounds over 16 games.

On Wednesday, January 24 the Mountaineers lost 72-65 to Bloomsburg University. Fisher lead the scoring drive with 18 points on the night while hitting three of four three throws. Judson chipped in with 13 points.

The Mounties next game will be Saturday January 27 home versus Millersville University.

Flashlight Athlete of the Week

Louis Judson



Louis Judson has been named *Flashlight* Athlete of the Week. Judson ranks first in the PSAC in three-point field goal percentage (48.4%) and free throw percentage (88.8%).

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B. Jones	17-7	74-204	36.3	41-124	33.1	25-34	73.5	10	39	49	2.9	214	12.6
R. Shaw	17-16	74-162	45.7	0-1	0.0	42-16	70.0	45	81	126	7.4	190	11.2
L. Judson	17-13	88-178	49.4	35-73	47.9	56-63	88.9	18	50	68	4.0	267	15.7
S. Shannon	17-12	42-83	50.6	0-3	0.0	10-1	66.7	22	51	73	4.3	94	5.5
J. Sowell	17-17	66-144	46.2	1-4	25.0	47-63	74.6	32	44	76	4.5	180	10.6
C. Smith	8-7	40-98	40.8	12-37	32.4	14-21	66.7	5	9	14	1.8	106	13.3
T. Fisher	17-9	60-144	41.7	12-36	33.3	45-58	77.6	30	46	76	4.5	177	10.4
B. Zarzedez	17-2	8-23	34.8	0-0	0.0	7-10	70.0	19	20	39	2.3	23	1.4
C.J. Palmer	17-2	18-51	35.3	1-12	8.3	3-11	27.3	12	19	3	1.8	40	2.4
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MU women's basketball pick up fourth win

by Jason Bricker
asst. sports editor

The Lady Mountaineers came into this week with an overall record of 4-11, compared against last years record of 4-21. Mansfield was impressive their last two times out on the floor, giving second place West Chester a run for their money, and capturing a win from Cheyney University.

On January 13 The Golden Rams of West Chester came to town. West Chester brought to the game a 9-6 overall record, and a 3-1 record in the PSAC Eastern Division, good enough for a second place rank in the division. Mansfield ranked second last in the division with a 1-2 record.

Mansfield kept it close, but West Chester came out on top with an eight

point win. Mansfield was down by 20 at one point but battled back to cut West Chesters lead to six points (59-53). But West Chester hung on to win by a score of 65-57.

"Were a come back kind of team", said assistant coach Anne Bohner, who thought Mansfield played well enough to win.

Sarah Barr led Mansfield in scoring with 14 points, and Erin Fisher grabbed seven rebounds.

On January 20th the Mountaineers traveled to Cheyney University to take on the Lady Wolves. Cheyney had a 4-9 overall record and was 0-3 in the PSAC Eastern Division, dead last.

At the half Mansfield was well ahead 42-24, and extended their lead in the second half with a crushing 30 point win (83-53).

Mansfield was impressive from the

three point arc making six of the eight three pointers they attempted (75%). They also shot 47% from the field in the second half.

Becky Dutko led all scores with 24 points, and added seven rebounds to her totals. Sarah Barr had 13 points, and hit three out of the four three pointers she attempted. Michele Jeffery led in the rebounding department with 11, she also played 30 of the games 40 minutes.

On Wednesday, January 24 MU traveled to Bloomsburg. Bloomsburg was tied with Mansfield in the PSAC East with a 1-2 record but had a better overall record (7-8).

The game was tight. At the two minute mark Mansfield found themselves down by eight points, but MU committed some fouls and Bloomsburg capitalized on them winning the game

by 18.

Mansfields Michele Jeffery had 19 points and eight rebounds. Sarah Barr added 18 more points but MU came up short.

At just past the half way mark in the season, Mansfield finds themselves in sixth place in the PSAC East, just a couple of wins out of third.

"Were not worried about our record as much as we are about getting experience.", said Bohner, "Were starting to show people that they can't walk all over us."

The Mounties Becky Dutko is third in the league in field goal percentage, shooting 54% from the field. Jeffery is third in the league in rebounding, averaging 11.1 rebounds a game.

Mansfield takes on Millersville University on Saturday January 27 at 1:00 p.m. in Decker Gymnasium.

Mountie baseball ranks ninth in 1996 pre-season polls

by Darren A. Meehan
sports reporter

With a new assistant coach and two new starters to round out an already impressive roster, Mansfield's baseball team is practicing for another powerhouse year while head coach Harry Hillson anxiously waits for the first league game.

Jeff Limoncelli, who coached

at Horseheads High School, will assist Hillson during his tenth year with the Mounties. Limoncelli, who will concentrate on pitching, is not the only new name this year.

Joe Skelly, a center-fielder from the University of South Carolina-Aiken and Chris Miller, a right-fielder from Allegheny County Community College, have been added to solidify Hillson's line-up after he lost a few players in the off season.

"We lost five good players from last year, including two pitchers, but I'm confident these guys, all the players, will step up."

"Last year, we had 13 freshmen on a 24 man roster. This year, we have 13 sophomores on a 24 man roster; so we have more experience. I'm looking forward to league play."

Although the team lost to Bloomsburg in the Regional finals, they ended their season with an impressive

41-16 record. Their record last year and their off season acquisitions have also led to some encouraging predictions.

Baseball America has the team ranked eighth in the country while Collegiate Baseball, which is recognized by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, ranks them ninth for this season.

Mountaineer baseball will begin March 2 at Bowie State in Maryland. Their first home game will be March 23 when they host the University at Albany.

Mountaineers Outdoors-sports views commentary

by Al Houck
sports reporter

Since the start of semester break mother nature has proved to us just how powerful she is and how harmless we really are with the bombardment of snow throughout the state, and then a quick dousing of rain. Those combined with warm temperatures has put our commonwealth in a state of disaster. The tragedy of these events has all of us concerned for others safety, but just how did this affect the wildlife in our area.

Concerning the wildlife the rapid disappearance of snow is actually a gift for those animals that need to forage off the ground and collect the essen-

tial nourishment that takes the form of mast. Some areas of Firetower Road on SGL 37 are still blanketed by a foot and a half of snow. Areas that are not covered are literally torn up by turkeys and deer scratching the leaf debris for various acorns and young shoots of grasses and seedlings.

Before I left I mentioned of my intent to pursue the white tailed deer with my muzzleloader. The last deer season opened the day after X-mas, and I was up and ready at the crack of dawn. Bundled up with various sweatshirts and snow repellent material, I ventured out in frigid temperatures with my smokepole in hand to fill the freezer with venison.

Shooting the muzzleloader al-

lows me to take a few steps back into time where the woods were like the way my ancestors found it, desolate and intriguing. To add to the mystique of the whole dimension I am carrying a weapon capable of downing an animal with one well placed shot and at a closer range than are used to with modern arms. We often find ourselves spoiled by the weapons of today that provide us with less error in harvesting an animal. We have relied upon the rapid fire, long range perspective and have limited ourselves into exploring our past and also a magnificent time of year.

I spied my quarry behind my house located in Lancaster County, among the greenbriar and hemlock thicket. There were four of them that nibbled their way around the thicket and ambled on the path that led to the snow covered cornfield that seemed like a buried treasure. Various spots were exposed due to the pawing of the deer to

locate a missed ear by the harvester. It seemed too easy as I planned my strategy for two days in advance. I would circle the thicket and test the wind to find the right approach to sneak inside the thicket from the down wind side. My circling would set the alarm, but this is what I had planned.

Each deer would be on its feet promising a good broadside standing shot. My stealth and alertness would have to be at its best. A shot by this method would have to be within a split second of identifying my target.

Those deer took me to places on our mountain that I have not been since I left for school as a freshman. It was like being reunited with an old friend. Most of my childhood was developed around the boulders and trees that are a majority of the terrain. Trails that meandered through an old swamp took me past an old lean to that I constructed when I was ten. It was ragged but still provided shelter from the elements.

MU Women's Basketball Statistics

REBOUNDS

PLAYER	G-GS	FG-A	%	3FG-A	%	FT-A	%	O	D	T	PTS.
S. Barr	15-15	62-165	37.6	31-84	36.9	12-15	80.0	13	36	49	167
L. Bricker	15-0	29-87	33.3	5-2	22.7	11-20	55.0	16	19	35	74
B. Dutko	15-1	97-189	51.3	0-0	0.0	53-82	64.6	38	62	100	247
C. Farabaugh	15-15	21-75	28.0	3-13	23.1	5-12	41.7	15	29	44	50
E. Fisher	15-8	40-130	38.8	1-11	9.1	27-35	77.1	24	35	59	108
C. Hill	15-0	12-44	27.3	5-17	29.4	9-13	69.2	4	15	19	38
M. Jeffery	15-15	66-144	45.8	0-0	0.0	53-81	65.4	76	88	164	185
L. Martin	6-0	1-5	20.0	0-0	0.0	1-2	50.0	0	2	2	3
J. Masker	15-8	34-110	30.9	15-57	26.3	18-26	69.2	8	15	23	101
T. Moser	14-0	15-30	50.0	0-0	0.0	5-8	62.5	18	23	41	35
D. Owens	11-0	6-25	24.	0-0	0.0	5-7	71.4	11	19	30	17
J. Williams	7-0	7-19	36.8	1-3	33.3	5-9	55.6	2	1	3	20

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Meet The Team

by: Amber Lakits
sports editor

Name: Tom Feik
Year: sophomore
Weight class: 167 lbs.
Hometown: Honesdale
High School: Honesdale
Record: 5-13



MU wrestling

• "It's been a tough year due to injuries.
• Next season should offer a fresh start
• and a comeback. It should be a pretty
good year."

Thousands flee as major rivers flood

Officials evacuate nearly 100,000 people from Wilkes-Barre

Pete Durantine
associated press

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP) — Thousands of Pennsylvanians fled their homes as flooded creeks and streams poured into the state's major rivers Saturday, spreading fear along with devastating water.

Downtown Pittsburgh was inundated by its worst flooding in two decades, and Harrisburg began flooding 24 hours before the Susquehanna River was scheduled to crest. Tom Ridge's family fled the Governor's Mansion as water surrounded the home.

At dawn, officials evacuated about 100,000 people from the Wilkes-Barre area — where memories of Tropical Storm Agnes' destruction remain fresh 24 years later — but allowed them to return 10 hours later when the Susquehanna crested 1 1/2 feet short of flood stage.

Up and down virtually every major river in the state, residents not protected by the same elaborate dike system in place in Wilkes-Barre fled as water isolated houses and closed roads.

"I'll tell you what's frustrating, watching the water come and being able to do nothing about it," said Dave Davis of the Emergency Management Agency for Columbia County, where the Susquehanna flooded. "It's like being beaten up."

Roughly 1,000 National Guardsmen ran rescue missions north of Williamsport — where the National Weather Service said the localized flooding was the worst — in Pittsburgh and in Wilkes-Barre, where they joined hundreds of residents in filling sandbags.

"This is one of those once-in-a-lifetime floods," Pittsburgh Mayor Tom Murphy said, declaring the city a disaster area.

Authorities say five people died and two others are missing in the surging water.

The problems started Friday as a warm rain broke up ice jams along streams and creeks and melted a snowpack of up to 40 inches. The focus turned to the larger rivers Saturday as the water reached the Susquehanna, Monongahela, Ohio, Allegheny, Delaware, Schuylkill and Juniata rivers.

"Normally in a disaster, you're dealing with a very defined, focused area," John Comey of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency said. "Here we are dealing with the entire commonwealth — all 67 counties are affected in some way."



Photo by Sam Cleveland

The entire state of Pennsylvania was deluged by the rain storm that took place on Friday the 19th.

Longtime residents compared the flooding to Tropical Storm Agnes, which killed more than 48 people in Pennsylvania and left 220,000 homeless in 1972. But meteorologists said the flooding reached record levels on only two smaller streams, one north of Williamsport and the other near Ridgeway in western Pennsylvania.

"For most of the state, it's probably the worst since Hurricane Eloise in 1975," said Ernie Ostuno of the National Weather Service in State College.

In Pittsburgh, it was the worst since Agnes. Point State Park — where the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers converge — became a vast lake. The basements of downtown businesses flooded, and water closed many streets, including a section of Interstate 376.

The Steelers' staff hurriedly gathered equipment for the Super Bowl team just hours before the Ohio River began spilling into Three Rivers Stadium.

The sewage system in Allegheny County was shut down, allowing sewage to flow untreated into rivers.

Barges and pleasure boats that broke from moorings floated aimlessly down the rivers, forcing police to periodically close bridges for inspection.

"They are piling up at the dams," said Coast Guard Lt. Ted Ferring. "We've been chasing them since yesterday."

The Ohio crested at 34.6 feet at 10 a.m. at Pittsburgh, nearly 10 feet above flood stage.

The state of emergency Gov. Ridge declared after a blizzard Jan. 9 will remain in effect for 90 days, and the flood damage — which officials have

not even begun to estimate will be added to the state's request for emergency federal aid, according to Comey.

"The result of this flooding is directly tied to the storm," he said. "Most of the communities that flooded received only a couple of inches of rain, not nearly enough to cause flooding."

Ridge and U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter surveyed the flooded areas by air and said at a news conference in Pittsburgh that they were pressing federal officials for disaster aid.

"This is a tremendous problem for Pennsylvania," Ridge said. "We intend to press this very hard to get our full due."

Sunday could bring even more severe flooding along the Susquehanna in the Harrisburg area, which began evacuations Saturday evening.

By the time the river crests in the capital Sunday, the water is expected to be 11 feet above flood stage. At just half that level, the surge knocked down part of the Walnut Street Bridge just minutes after an official forced gawkers to leave the span.

The bridge — nicknamed Old Shaky — has been closed to automobiles since it was weakened by Agnes.

All Amtrak service eastward from Harrisburg was canceled because of flooded track.

In York County, PECO Energy officials declared an unusual event at 5 p.m. at the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station. The operating power was reduced in order to allow for a quicker shutdown if that becomes necessary, a spokesman said. An unusual event is the least serious of four emergency levels.

For almost 24 hours, Wilkes-Barre residents lived in fear the

Susquehanna would breach the dikes. About 90 percent of the residents living in the area flooded by Agnes fled to shelters, officials said.

As police and emergency officials cruised the city blasting warnings from public address systems, gawkers gathered at a downtown bridge to watch the river rise. Volunteers filled sandbags to plug areas around the bridge.

"I did it in '72 and I loved every minute of it!" resident Diane Hanson said, sand shovel in hand. "Then I was young, but now I have a house and three kids to worry about."

Downriver, Bloomsburg residents, unprotected by dikes, watched the Susquehanna rush into the basements and first floors of about 400 houses near the river, which exceeded flood stage by about eight feet.

Bridges connecting Easton and New Jersey across the Delaware were closed, and Easton declared a state of emergency to keep cars off flooded streets.

In northern Pennsylvania, the Juniata River, which is usually 2 1/2 to 5 feet deep, swelled to 32 feet Saturday, forcing about 300 people from their homes in Mifflin County.

In Coburn, Elks and Penns creeks flooded homes.

"Cars were under water. Travel campers were under water. A garage collapsed," said Millheim Mayor Randy Brungart, who went to Coburn to help with emergency efforts.

Milesburg resident Jean Reigh said flooding was as bad as she remembers.

"For us, this is worse — far worse — than what we had with Hurricane Agnes in 1972," she said. "Back then, the water got into our garage. This time, we must have two feet of water running through it like a river."

North of Williamsport, stream flooding Friday tossed about 200 mobile homes off their moorings, forced about 300 people to seek shelter and swamped several hundred homes, officials said. The water turned to ice Saturday, hampering clean-up efforts.

"It's the most devastating small street flooding event I've seen in 20 years," said Gary Hutchinson, director of the Lycoming County Emergency Management Agency.

Ostuno of the weather service said residents will welcome the forecast for the next few days. :q:&

"It will be clear, calm and cold," he said. "Everything will be frozen so nothing will be added to the flow."

Calendar

Friday, January 26

12am Chris turns 21!
1-4pm Free pool at the Rec Desk in Memorial Hall
6-8pm Mysterious Eskimo Show on WNTE
10pm Zanzibar at the Hut

Saturday, January 27

1pm Basketball at home with Millersville University-Women
3pm Men's wrestling at PSAC

Conference

10pm Zanzibar at the Hut

Sunday, January 28

5pm Superbowl party at the Hut.
FREE food and FREE admission.
Kick off at 6pm
8pm Zanzibar at the Hut

Monday, January 29

4pm Flashlight meeting in 217
Memorial Hall

9pm Student Government Meeting, Memorial Hall

9pm (All Week) HBT Rush Activities,
Pinecrest

Tuesday, January 30

1pm Ebony Discussion Hour in the
MLK Center, Memorial Hall
6:30pm Women's swimming away at
Wells

Wednesday, January 31

6pm Women's basketball at home with
Kutztown

8pm Men's basketball at home with
Kutztown

11-1pm Free popcorn at the Rec Desk
in Memorial Hall

6:30pm TV Club meeting, Allen Hall
8pm Duquesne University Chamber
Singers in Steadman Theater

9pm MAC Coffeehouse at the Hut

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Mansfield University provost to retire in July

Search committee assigned to find replacement

by Matt Peterson
Managing editor

Mansfield University's provost of 13 years will be retiring this summer, which leaves MU searching for a replacement.

Dr. George Mullen has decided to step down after working at MU for 27 years. Mullen began his career at MU in 1969 as chairperson of the physics department and then became interim provost in 1983. He now feels that his time as provost has come to an end.

"It is time for a change, not only for me but for the university as well," Mullen said. "The average lifespan of a provost is generally only seven years long; I think I have done my time as provost."

Departments to decide on minimum credit requirements

by Nancy Corbo
news editor

More Mansfield University students will be able to graduate in eight semesters as the result of a recent decision from certain departments to reduce the required number of credits to 120.

Under the old policy, students were required to complete at least 128 credit hours in order to graduate.

According to President Rod Kelchner, this is an optional policy and each department will decide whether or not to change the credit requirements. He

The replacement for the provost position will take on the responsibility of overseeing all academic programs on campus. The importance of this position and the need for a suitable replacement has prompted MU to form a committee responsible for finding the next provost.

The nine member committee consists of representatives from the faculty, administration, staff, and student body. This committee is being headed by Mansfield University President, Rod Kelchner.

The actual search for the next provost has already begun. Advertisements have been placed nationwide in educational journals like The Chronicle, Kelchner said.

"We have advertised the position since about the second week of January," Kelchner said. "As of now we have

16 applicants."

The advertisement, created by the committee, lists many requirements for the applicant including a minimum of five years of successful, full-time college level teaching and a minimum of five years of demonstrated accomplishments as a leader or administrator. Skills in interpersonal communication, financial planning and technology are also important, Kelchner said.

"The position of provost is going to be a difficult position to fill," Kelchner said.

He feels that the position is not for the faint of heart since the amount of responsibilities delegated to the provost at MU are more demanding than at other schools. In addition to overseeing all academic programs on campus, the provost is responsible for many of the other departments on campus.



Photo Provided

Current Provost George Mullen is to retire this summer.

policy was not a bad decision.

With the new credit minimum, students will be able to take 15 hours of classes every semester and be eligible to graduate in eight semesters without summer school.

A question was raised whether or not employers would hesitate to hire a student who graduated with 120

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Due to misleading information the *Flashlight* incorrectly reported last week that former student Puneet Baghat was deported from the United States. In fact, according to probation Officer David Stager, Baghat was released from prison, not deported. The *Flashlight* apologizes for any misunderstandings it may have caused.

Evaluation record may soon be available on Mansfield's computer network

by Chris McGann
layout editor

In an effort to create a paperless campus, students may soon be able to access their evaluation records through the university network.

Provost Dr. George Mullen announced the plan at a meeting of the Advisory Resource Group on Feb. 1. The program is called Academic Audit and would, by the fall semester, make copies of students' ER's available at any time.

"We will be one of the first schools in the country with this system," Mullen said.

According to Mullen, students and advisors will be able to look at the ER's from any networked computer on campus, but there will be a charge for printing one out. This would be automatically charged

to the students. He added that the program will have a security system, probably based on Social Security Numbers.

Mullen said that the installation of the system has been going slowly because Mansfield has some of the most complicated requirements for general education in the country.

Several faculty members expressed concerns about the implementation of the project. Most of the concerns involved the university's decision last semester not to give out ER's.

"We really should not be making an interpretation for advising the students. (Advising) is really a faculty function," Assistant to the Provost Carol Alexander said last semester.

Students currently need to go through their advisors to get a copy of their ER.

"We need ER's until

the system is up," social work professor Dr. Laurance Miller said.

"Every student has an ER filled out for them," Advising Resource Group Chair Dr. Stephen Bickham said. "It is more work for us if we also have to take care of them as well. Wouldn't it be easier to make copies from the records office. I'll pay for the copies myself."

"We want a smooth transition to this new system," Academic Advising Mentor Denise Carter-Onyrimba said.

Miller added that he has a course of action for advising.

"I am going to tell my advisees to bring a copy of their ER's. Any student who does not have one, and that should be about half to three-quarters of them, I'm going to tell them to have their parents call the president about it."

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Students will soon be able to look up their evaluation records at any networked computer on campus.

Student Voices

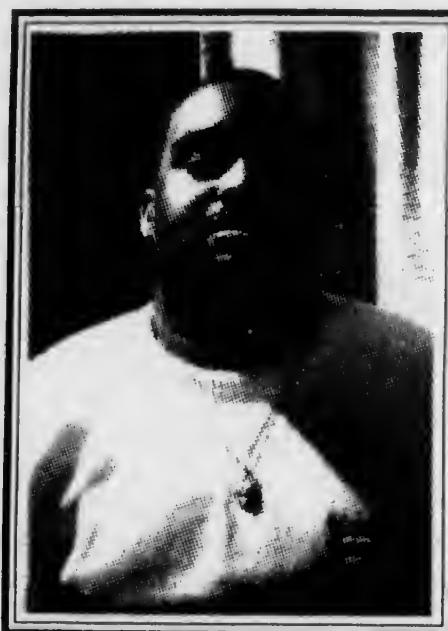
by Brent McCallus

Q. "What were your impressions of the MLK conference?"



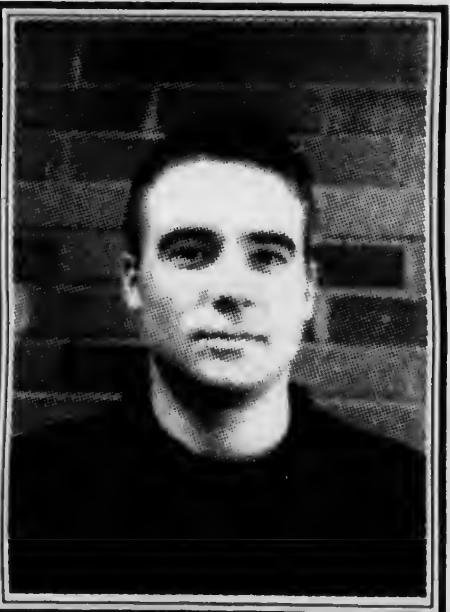
Jennifer Holt
Senior

"While the idea of an intercultural convention is wonderful, I felt the Friday afternoon session was a bit drawn out."



Vincent Simmons
Junior

"I feel the conference was excellent and was very educating."



Mark Smith
Junior

"The session I attended was informative and entertaining."



John Mays
Freshman

"I was unable to attend the conference, but I would have liked to. Dr. King was a great man and honoring him and his work is a good cause."

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Students warned about financial aid scams

by Kate A. Griffith
Flashlight editor

If you're a student with financial concerns, don't get your hopes up if you see advertisements guaranteeing financial aid or your money back.

According to Chris Vaughn, director of financial aid at Mansfield University, most of these advertisements aren't what they claim to be.

"Usually if you see these ads for unclaimed grant and scholarship money, they tend to be scams," Vaughn said. "They paint a picture that isn't as rosy as it really is."

If they are considering responding to one of these ads, there are several things students should be suspicious of:

- Any organization that charges a fee for its services;
- Any organization that just has a post office box, not a street address (hoax companies often use PO boxes in order to evade the Better Business Bureau);
- Any organization that guarantees that they will find sources of money without knowing anything about the student's academic or financial background;

Even if this organization does

identify a scholarship source for a student, they are probably offering that same source to other students. This means that the money isn't guaranteed to the student, but that the student will have to compete with other applicants for the award.

"These organizations can guarantee five sources of aid to everyone by giving them all the same information," Vaughn said.

The most important thing to remember when considering responding to one of these ads is not to neglect the financial aid you normally rely on.

"Don't apply for these scholarship searches and forget about applying

for your regular financial aid," Vaughn said.

MU's financial aid office has a scholarship book that usually lists a variety of scholarships available to all types of students, Vaughn said.

"There are plenty of opportunities that students can utilize on their own without the cost," Vaughn said. "And those opportunities often offer better chances for success than those that offer help at a price."

The financial aid office also has applications and a list of scholarships available through MU.

"There are scholarships out there if the students are willing to work for them," Vaughn said.

Mansfield Students receive Red Cross training

by Stephanie DeNicola
staff reporter

Eight Mansfield University and three Mansfield High School students met in Memorial Hall to be trained and certified by the American Red Cross on Jan. 31.

The students were trained in the non-professional areas of registration and the labeling of blood containers for the bloodmobile. The training was conducted by Patricia Ferrari, R.N.

According to Ferrari, the two most important concepts for volunteers to remember are customer service and confidentiality.

The national chapters of the American Red Cross collect 325 pints of blood every day. However, the national supply is down because of the holiday season as well as the excess amount of snow that hit the Northeast in the beginning of January, Ferrari said.

This blood is used to help the countless surgery, chemotherapy, and hemophiliac patients as well as accident victims, Ferrari said.

"On the average, one pint of blood can help four patients," Ferrari said.

According to Ferrari, in the past few weeks, Tioga county has had to import blood from Philadelphia and Connecticut. This is the first time this has

happened in eleven years.

One student stated that she was interested in the course because she felt it was beneficial to her major.

"I am in the medical field and I will be working with blood on a daily basis in the near future," said Tammy Walker, a Senior biology/medical technology major. "I also think volunteerism is something that will help everyone in the long run."

A strong interest in volunteerism is the reason many people wanted to get certified.

"I like to volunteer and help people," said Kim Priestman, a Sophomore Nursing major. "At home during the summer I live five minutes from the blood center and I look forward to helping them."

Justin Wujick, a Junior Travel and Tourism major, also said that he feels being involved is important.

"I took this because I have volunteered in the past and wanted to get certified," Wujick said. "I think it's worthwhile to help people. Being a regular donor, I know how it feels to go through what donors go through."

There will be a bloodmobile in North Mansfield on Wednesday, Feb. 28 from 11:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.

If you are interested in helping the Red Cross with the upcoming bloodmobile and other Red Cross activities, call JoAnn Horton at (717)724-2941 and leave a message.

British, Irish court Clinton again in Northern Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) - Northern Ireland's troubles are knocking again on the White House door.

A key British negotiator met President Clinton's advisers on Northern Ireland Tuesday, and the leader of the IRA-aligned Sinn Fein party plans to do the same on Thursday.

Britain argued for elections in Northern Ireland before peace negotiations begin; Sinn Fein will say the negotiations have to come before elections are possible.

Catholic nationalists, who want an end to British rule in Northern Ireland, are looking for help from Clinton in persuading Britain to accept the recommendations of a commission headed by George Mitchell, a former senator from Maine.

The commission last week urged Britain to drop its demand that rival paramilitary groups discard some weapons before their representatives gain admission to peace talks. It called the condition unrealistic.

Prime Minister John Major proposed an election as an alternate way for Sinn Fein to demonstrate its commitment to democracy. Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams rejected that idea.

"Elections should take place after negotiations," he said Tuesday.

Both sides are hoping for White House help in moving the other side.

Michael Ancram, Britain's minister responsible for political development in

Northern Ireland, on Tuesday met with Clinton's national security adviser Anthony Lake and Ireland specialist Nancy Soderberg.

Adams arrives in Washington on Wednesday and Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring follows, probably next week.

Efforts to start negotiations among Northern Ireland's British Protestant and Irish Catholic parties have foundered for more than a year.

At stake are the cease-fires by the IRA and by pro-British paramilitary groups from hard-line Protestant areas. Any conditions that might exclude either group would risk a breakdown in Northern Ireland's first period of peace in a quarter-century.

The truce showed strain Tuesday with the murder of Gino Gallagher, the commander of a small paramilitary group that opposes the IRA cease-fire. No group claimed responsibility.

The latest flurry of trips to Washington are by no means the first effort by the parties in Northern Ireland to enlist the help of the U.S. government.

Lake and Soderberg were instrumental in guiding Clinton away from traditional U.S. non-involvement in Northern Ireland in favor of offering qualified support to Sinn Fein.

Clinton backed a Washington conference on investment in Northern Ireland last May. He also gave Adams several visas for American trips and, last St. Patrick's Day, let Friends of Sinn Fein Inc. raise funds in America. The Ulster Unionist Party, which supports the British, opened their own lobbying office in Washington in September and plan their own lobbying mission to America in mid-February.



Photo by Liz Barrett

Painter Brian Keeler of Wyalusing is exhibiting his art in the University Gallery in Mansfield Hall until February 17. Oil paintings, pastel drawings and etchings are on display. His subject matter includes landscapes, portraits, and figure studies.

Police Beat

1/25/96

14:45 Person reported a lost or stolen decal from vehicle parked in C lot, between 1/21/96 and 1/24/96.

17:36 Student set off fire alarm in Cedarcrest dormitory by blowing cigarette smoke into a smoke alarm to see if it worked.

17:36 Student didn't leave Cedarcrest dormitory during a fire alarm. 1/29/96

01:02 Mansfield University Police Department assisted Mansfield Police department on a domestic call.

09:00 Report of stray dog (part

larador, part spaniel) on campus. The dog was dragging an eight foot chain and had a collar with no license. The dog was SPCA notified and came to retrieve the animal.

12:22 Person fell on ice in the parking lot of the Brooks Maintenance building.

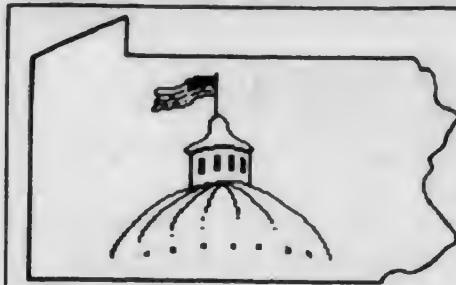
18:40 Report of alleged theft of musical instrument from Butler Center.

01/30/96

16:55 MUPD assisted MPD with a four car traffic accident on Route 6 at Farmer in the Dell.

News tip?

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Pennsylvania in the News

Amish Brothers defy Pennsylvania hunting law

LIMA, Ohio (AP) — Two Amish brothers said Tuesday they hope a state appeals court reverses their conviction for hunting without bright safety clothing.

But Samuel Bontrager, 38, and his brother Joas, 29, said they were prepared to go to jail rather than pay a \$50 fine.

The brothers are members of a conservative Amish Swartzentruber sect.

"We were hunting on our land. When we hunt, we cannot wear bright colors. That is our law. I am not scared to go to jail," Joas Bontrager said after a hearing before 3rd Ohio District Court of Appeals judges.

"We feel we can win this," Samuel Bontrager said. "It's a matter of principle."

Their bishop, Wilbur Eash, supports them.

"If they had been hunting on someone else's land, I would not stand behind them," Eash said while shredding bushels of corn on his farm in southeastern Hardin County. "But they were on their own land. I do not know why I would not back them up."

The brothers, of Mount Victory in west-central Ohio, were convicted last year of hunting without bright safety clothing the state requires to help prevent hunting accidents. They were ordered to pay \$50 fines but appealed the conviction.

Their lawyer, Scott Smith, told the three appeals court judges Tuesday that the Bontragers cannot be true to their religion if they follow laws that conflict with their beliefs.

"They have to remain separate from the rest of the world. They do that by the clothes they wear. Bright colors violate

their religious beliefs because it associates them with the rest of the world. ... They can't abide by their religious beliefs if they follow state law," Smith said.

In court, both men were dressed in blue jeans with jean jackets and vests. They also wore black hats.

If the brothers are sentenced to jail for failure to pay the \$50 fines, their incarceration likely would last less than a week, Smith said.

Assistant Attorney General Chris Jones said the law did not violate the brothers' religious beliefs.

"The clear purpose of this rule is hunter safety, to stop hunters from walking into the line of fire," Jones said. "It does not single out the Amish. Hunter safety is the state's compelling interest."

The Bontragers are not compelled to hunt, "so how restrictive is the law?" Jones said.

The appeals court is expected to rule within the next few months.

The Bontragers were cited by an Ohio Division of Wildlife officer on Nov. 28, 1994, while deer hunting on their father's northwest Ohio farm. They pleaded no contest in August and were convicted by Hardin County Municipal Judge William Hart.

Members of the Swartzentruber sect have no electricity, plumbing or motorized farm equipment. They receive no Social Security and educate their children themselves.

The Bontragers' cousin, Samuel Bontrager, 18, was cited by the wildlife division in November for refusing to wear orange while hunting.

Officer fired for giving guns to mobster wants job back

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A city police officer fired for supplying guns to a mobster wants to reclaim his job — and \$60,000 in back pay.

Former Officer James E. McCloskey was fired in 1993 after investigators discovered he had supplied guns to Sergio Battaglia, who had been arrested on his way to carry out a mafia hit.

McCloskey admitted to selling or lending at least three guns to Battaglia.

Lawyers for the police union argued at an arbitration hearing last week that McCloskey, 30, was disciplined unfairly. During the next month, the arbitrator will sift through evidence, all of which city lawyers said was too sensitive to make public.

McCloskey's lawyer, Richard McNeill, conceded his client made a mistake in supplying guns to Battaglia, a high school buddy with whom he frequently swapped guns and went to shooting galleries.

But McNeill said his client never knew about his friend's connection to Philadelphia mob boss John Stanfa, who was convicted last fall on racketeering charges. Battaglia was convicted at the same time and on Friday made a deal with prosecu-

tors to cooperate in the continuing Stanfa investigation.

Battaglia and Herbert Keller were arrested on Aug. 5, 1993, on what police determined was a mission to kill Stanfa rivals Michael Ciancaglini and Joseph Merlino.

"Jimmy had no reason to believe (Battaglia) was involved in organized crime," McNeill said. "The punishment ... was much too severe."

Even if McCloskey was unaware of the mob connection, he violated department policy by selling and lending guns and therefore his firing should be upheld, said Police Capt. Gerard Levins, who investigated the former officer.

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Vote may change balance of power in house

HARRISBURG (AP) — Republicans kept control of the state House Tuesday in a special election that pitted their candidate against a Democrat and an independent who ran under the "No Pay Increase" party.

Republican Jeff Haste defeated Democrat Diane E. Bowman and independent Eugene P. Stilp.

With all 42 precincts reporting, Haste had 4,683 votes; Bowman, 2,937; and Stilp, 493.

Haste's win allows House Republicans to regain the one-vote majority, 102-101, they captured in November 1994 after Rep. Thomas Stish, then a Democrat from Luzerne County, switched parties.

Though Stilp ran as a single-issue candidate, railing against the 18.7 percent pay raise lawmakers gave themselves last year, the issue did not grab voters as much as issues concerning education and the pocketbook.

"I did what I set out to do," Stilp said. "I held the candidates' feet to the fire."

His opponents, however, said they opposed the pay raise from the start of their campaigns.

Haste, 36, said he owed his victory to hard-working volunteers and his support for such issues as local tax reform. He said his opposition to the legislative pay raise also helped.

But GOP House Speaker Matthew J. Ryan said the pay raise "had nothing to do with this election."

Haste, chief clerk and personnel administrator for Dauphin County, will replace former Rep. Jeffrey Piccola, R-Dauphin, who won a state Senate seat last year.

Piccola's departure to the Senate left the House evenly divided, 101 Republicans to 101 Democrats. The election was especially important to the GOP, which controls the Legislature and the governor's office.

The party that controls a chamber dominates committees and decides which bills get considered. The party that controls gov-

ernment sets a legislative agenda for economic and social policy.

Last year, Republican Gov. Tom Ridge and the GOP-controlled Legislature produced crime bills, cut corporate taxes and reduced welfare rolls.

After losing one of their members to the Republicans, House Democrats, one vote away from control, were eager to retake the House.

Though the GOP claims some 60 percent of the district's voters, the party took no chances, especially concerning the pay raise issue.

Lawmakers approved themselves a nearly 19 percent pay raise last fall, drawing the ire of many voters. Several hundred appeared at the Capitol, angrily denouncing the lawmakers' action.

Stilp ran on that issue alone. Last week, he filed a lawsuit in Commonwealth Court, arguing the pay raise is unconstitutional and asking Haste and Bowman to join him in the lawsuit. Neither one responded.

Political observers wrote-off Stilp's candidacy as frolic, but he listed himself on the ballot under the "No Pay Increase" party, making his candidacy a potential referendum on last year's legislative pay raise.

Although Haste and Bowman also opposed the pay increase, each promising to fight to rescind the increase if elected, the issue concerned them nonetheless.

A few days before the election, Haste sent a campaign flier to voters with large type proclaiming his opposition to the pay raise. The GOP poured money and assistance into Haste's campaign. They also ran television ads.

This was Haste's first bid for public office. He ran on a platform that supported local tax reform and equitable funding for school districts, and opposed unfunded state mandates that municipalities are expected to fund.

Driver found shot after car crash

EASTON, Pa. (AP) — A man who died in a car crash at an Easton convenience store was killed by a gunshot and not by the crash, officials said.

Northampton County Coroner Zachary Lysek ruled Monday that Binh Tran, 19, was shot by a passenger in the car Sunday night. Lt. Steve Parkansky said that nobody else was in the car by the time authorities arrived to investigate. Police were looking for a suspect.

The car was discovered in a snowbank in the parking lot of a Uni-Mart convenience store at 13th and Northampton Streets. A man who lived in the area said the sound of a racing engine got his attention.

The car caught fire, but the neighbor used

an extinguisher until the city fire department arrived. The blaze was confined to the engine and quickly extinguished.

Tran attended school part time at Clarion University and worked part time in the Clarion area before returning to the Lehigh Valley recently, his older brother Nguyen said.

"He was kind of in and out the last two months," he said.

District Attorney John Morganelli said drugs were one angle investigators are pursuing.

"It very well could be drug-related, although we're not certain about that. There may be other motives as well," Morganelli said.

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The Harrisburg Internship Semester

When: Fall 1996

Where: Intern with senior executives and legislators in Pennsylvania state government in Harrisburg.

Who: One outstanding undergraduate student from each of the 14 state system universities-minimum QPA of 3.0 in at least 45 undergraduate credits by Spring, 1996. Students in any major may apply.

What: 15 credits total; internship, seminar, and project. Recipient will receive a stipend which will cover approximate costs of tuition, room, and board. Housing and board is available/commuting is permitted.

How: Submit a letter of interest, 2 letters of recommendation from faculty, a sample of your best writing (for example, a research paper, essay, speech, creative writing) and an up-to-date evaluation record to Dr. Richard Feil in South Hall 405 by October 9, 1995. Questions? Call 4773.

The MU Field Hockey team is challenging anyone to form a team of 8 members to play for 1 hour on Feb. 18 between 7:30 am - 6:30 pm in the Recreation Center. The cost is only \$10.00 per team. If you are interested contact the field hockey office at X4637. For those of you not up to the challenge you may sponsor any field hockey player to play all day. Please support MU Field Hockey to establish a lasting tradition. Hats are also available for \$12.00 see any player for details.

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The Flashlight will now be printing PERSONAL MESSAGES! Wish your loved one Happy Valentine's Day, announce your favorite new pledge, sell your old books, computer, or sound equipment, advertise for a roommate or catch a new fling all through the Classified's. Up to 25 words, \$2.00. Each additional word, 10 cents. Please submit TYPED personal ads to the Student Activities Office, 209 Memorial Hall C/O The Flashlight. The Flashlight reserves the right to edit any material with inappropriate content.



El club de Espanol

Check us out! February 6, 1995
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Please submit all campus, community, or public announcements to the Flashlight office, 217 Memorial Hall no later than Tuesday of each week. All submissions must be TYPED and contain a contact name and phone number. Please, no personal messages.

Rush AXP

"Go Crow," and realize your potential. all activities begin at 9 pm in Cedar Crest lounge Feb. 4-9. Any questions call 662-7723, ask for Jon, Thad, Tim, Steve.

Help Alpha Chi Rho and the American Red Cross raise funds for the victims of the "Flood of 1996." For donation information call AXP at 662-7723, ask for Jon, Thad, Tim or Steve.

'Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path' PS 109: 105. Find the light at: The Fellowship. Everyone is welcome! Thursdays at 8 pm in the Maple conference room. Contact Joel 662-2524.

Phi Sigma Pi

National Honors Fraternity
Rush Week Schedule
Feb. 5 North Dining Hall, 9:15 pm Informal smoker.
Feb. 6 Game night, 9:00 pm Meet in Laurel
Feb. 7 Ice cream social, 9:00 pm Pinecrest conference rm.
Feb. 8 Formal smoker, 9:00 pm Memorial Hall
Feb. 9 Bids go out
For more information contact Mark: 5928. Eric: 5787.

Kappa Phi invites all women to attend our meetings on Monday, Feb. 5 at 7 pm in the Laurel B lounge for a Coke and jeans social. Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 6 pm in lower Manser for dinner. Friday, Feb. 9 at 7 pm in Laurel 5A lounge for a movie night. Everyone is welcome! Come join us! Contact Michelle at X5189 and Jon at X5160.

PR Society

Meeting Thursday, Feb. 9. 1:30 pm. laurel B lounge. New members welcome. Agenda: Earth Day, Spring Fling, Valentines Card Sale. For more info call Amber X5880 or Kristyn X5504.

THE TRAVEL CLUB

THE TRAVEL CLUB WILL BE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 AT 3:00 PM IN ROOM 01, THE HOME ECONOMICS BUILDING. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. WE HAVE MANY THINGS PLANNED FOR THIS SEMESTER SO COME AND SEE WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT.

Ski Club

Ski Club shop hours are Wed. 5:00 - 7:00. Ski trips are being planned for the following dates and locations: 2/4 Denton, PA. 2/10 Song Mt., NY. 2/17 T.B.A., 2/24 Elk Mt., PA. For additional info contact Sam X5986.

Attention Students! The Student Trustee position will soon be vacant. Consider this unique opportunity to represent MU's student body on the Board of Trustees! Applications and criteria are available in Pinecrest 120 and rm 118 Alumni Hall, due by 4:15 pm Fri., Feb. 23. Contact Erin 662-0228 for details on the position.

Five Star Dining

Reserved Dining on Wednesday, February 14, 1996 at 6:00pm in North Dining Hall

Menu

- Crab Soup
- Caesar Salad
- Penne Pasta
- Mushroom Fettuccini
- Lobster Tontine Sauce
- Alfredo Sauce
- Grilled Breast of Chicken
- Carved NY Strip Loin
- Rice Pilaf
- Twice Baked Potatoes
- Strawberries Romanoff
- Lemon Chess Pie
- Black Forest Cake
- Laignappe

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Mansfield faculty encouraged to attend campus events

Throughout the academic year at Mansfield University, dozens of programs and forums are presented by various organizations across campus. In the last few weeks, as well as last semester, we have noticed that faculty and student attendance is very low during these presentations. Those students who do make an appearance often attend for class requirements. The few faculty members who regularly attend constitute the majority of the population. This is puzzling considering the purpose of higher learning institutions. Universities exist largely for challenging the mind. Presentations offered function as a primary tool for mind expansion. Apathy causes the mind to grow stagnant and stagnant minds are something all learning institutions can do without.

Presentations such as last weekend's Martin Luther King conference can be mind expanding experiences. However, there were few faculty members present. Faculty attendance is essential to academic growth, whether it be a biology professor attending a philosophy lecture or an art professor attending a poetry reading at Coffeehouse. The presence of more faculty would invariably result in a better informed campus, and consequently, better informed professors.

We are not expecting every professor on campus to go out tomorrow and attend every campus event. Just going to one presentation a month would increase not only attendance but would also promote positivity among presenters and contribute to the level of conversation. A more stimulating conversation would help enlighten and inform students who attend, creating a snowball effect which would contribute to a better university community for everyone.

Additionally, increased faculty attendance at extracurricular activities would also encourage students to get involved in activities that aren't related to their classes and organizations.

Faculty aren't the only ones to blame for this situation. It is a rare occasion to spot administrators at an event that differs in relation to their department. Administrators should be encouraging campus organizations by attending events, not by ignoring them. They are today's leaders and role-models; they should, therefore, be supporting the efforts of tomorrow's leaders.

How can we expect the student body to make an effort to be involved in activities and take an interest in the activities of others when the faculty and administrators don't make an effort?

So attend a lecture series, go to a conference, or music recital. It will expand your horizons and create a more conducive atmosphere for learning. The college community and organizers will thank you for your efforts.

Commentary policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary you may turn it in to the Flashlight office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writer's name, major, class and phone number. Non-students are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week, we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.



Graffiti vandalism, not an art form

To the editor:

I was thoroughly impressed with the orators and musicians at last week's intercultural series representing the contributions of African-Americans in society. It took many hours of intense research and fervent practice to put a program of that caliber together. I was genuinely impressed with the program and the talented participants until a videotape was presented that featured graffiti as an art form.

How graffiti can be considered art is unclear to me. What is clear to me, however, is that

there are a number of police who would like to meet the talented artists personally.

Presenting material such as this at a forum on African-American culture was a blatant oversight on the part of the program's organizer and presenter. Graffiti is not an acceptable form of art in our culture. Graffiti is a very common form of communication used by gang members. It is frequently used to stake out a gang's turf. Defacing, erasing, or substituting one gang's graffiti by a rival gang constitutes a challenge and often results in violence and gang warfare.

It is a practice of the gang subculture, and it is also considered vandalism. To condone graffiti as a form of artistic expression is, in my opinion, disgraceful. To be proud of, and to accept such disrespectful conduct is disheartening to me.

Before presenting material such as this, the faculty, administration and staff should seriously think about the ramifications it could have on students' perceptions of acceptable behavior. I would invite students, administration, faculty, and staff to hold ourselves to a higher standard.

Sincerely,
Paul R. Shaw

Letters to the editor policy

The Flashlight is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry a signature or signatures of the writer(s). Unsigned letters tell us the writer is not willing to take responsibility for what he or she has written. So, why should we?

In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The Flashlight reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the Flashlight office, 217 Memorial Hall, Monday through Friday, or mailed to the above address.

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Commentary

Government eliminates Pretend Speed Limit



Dave Barry

Recently the federal government, as part of its ongoing effort to become part of the same solar system as the rest of us, decided to eliminate the National Pretend Speed Limit.

As you are aware, for many years the National Pretend Speed Limit was 55 miles per hour (metric equivalent: 378 kilograms per hectare). This limit was established back during the Energy Crisis, when America went through a scary gasoline shortage caused by the fact that for about six straight months, everybody in America spent every waking moment purchasing gasoline. Remember? We all basically went insane. The instant our car's fuel gauge got down to fifteen-sixteenths of a tank, we raced to a service station and spent a couple of hours waiting in line with hundreds of other gasoline-obsessed Americans. It's still a mystery why we did this. Maybe some kind of brain-damaging chemical got in our national water sup-

ply, because around the same time everybody also got into disco.

So anyway, the Energy Crisis came to the attention of the federal government, which, swinging into action as only our federal government can, told everybody to get swine-flu shots.

No, wait, that was another crisis. What the federal government did in this particular crisis was declare, in 1974, a National Pretend Speed Limit of 55. This has been strictly observed everywhere except on the actual roads, where the REAL speed limit — the one actually enforced by the police — is a secret, unposted number ranging between 63 and 78, unless an individual police officer does not care for the way you look, in which case the speed limit is zero.

The result is that, for over 20 years, virtually everybody in the United States has been violating the speed limit except for Ralph Nader and elderly people wearing hats. (This system is similar to the one used in foreign countries such as Italy, where the government puts strict-looking speed-limit signs everywhere, but nobody ever sees them because light does not travel fast enough to catch the Italian drivers.)

So finally our government, facing reality, has decided to abolish the National Pretend Speed Limit and let individual states decide how fast drivers can go. The most interesting response so far has come from the extremely rural state of Montana (Official Motto: 'Moo'), which announced that there would be NO SPEED LIMIT during daylight hours. I was frankly amazed when

I read this in the newspaper. I mean, I am not a legal scholar, but to me "no speed limit" means that, theoretically, you can go 400 miles per hour, right?

If that were true, Montana would immediately become an extremely popular destination for your average guy driver on vacation with his family, because guys like to cover a tremendous amount of ground. A guy in Vacation Driving Mode prefers not to stop the car at all except in the case of a bursting appendix, and even then he's likely to say, "Can you hold it a little longer? We're only 157 miles from Leech World!" So if there really were no speed limit, a vacationing guy with the right kind of car — by which I mean "the kind of car that has to be stopped with a parachute" — could cover all of Montana in approximately an hour.

In an effort to check this out, I called Montana, which has an area code and every thing, and spoke with Steve Barry, deputy chief of the Montana Highway Patrol.

"Can people drive 400 miles per hour up there?" I asked.

He told me that in all honesty the answer was no. He said that while there was "no theoretical upper speed limit," there was a practical one, determined by police officers in the field, based on factors such as traffic density, road conditions and type of vehicle. So I asked him: What if all the conditions were perfect? What would be the absolute fastest you could legally go? What is the REAL Montana speed limit? Barry answered that, if you

pinned him down, his estimate would be around 100 miles per hour.

"At that point," he said, "the majority of the citizens at large would say that's too fast for conditions out here."

So you vacationing guys are going to have to budget FOUR hours for Montana. But this is still an improvement, and I'd like to see other areas of the country make a similar effort to have realistic traffic laws. For example, right now the "legal" speed limit in downtown Manhattan is 30. This is absurd. This is the speed limit that Manhattan drivers observe on the SIDEWALK. On the streets of Manhattan, the actual observed speed limits are as follows:

TRAVELING UPTOWN OR DOWNTOWN: 125 miles per hour, unless you have a chance to hit a pedestrian, in which case you may go 150.

TRAVELING ACROSS TOWN: Nobody has ever successfully traveled across Manhattan in a motor vehicle.

I'd also like to see speed limits that take into account what song you're listening to on the radio. Ideally, if a police officer pulled you over for doing, say, 95 mph in a 75 zone, and you could prove to him that you were listening to the Isley Brothers' version of "Twist and Shout," he would not only have to let you off, but he would also be required, by law, to sing along with you. It's something for all of us to look forward to as our ever-evolving nation heads toward the 21st century, traveling WAY too fast for conditions.

Tables turned: Dole gets beaten by New York election

Marc Humber (AP)

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — In an example of how the tables can turn in high-stakes politics, Republican presidential hopeful Bob Dole's forces have themselves fallen victim to New York's hyper-technical election law.

It wasn't supposed to work that way.

Dole had planned to use the nation's toughest ballot-access laws, coupled with near-monolithic backing from New York's Republican hierarchy, to keep Steve Forbes and other rivals off New York's March 7 primary ballot.

But in a legal slipup that could have serious consequences for the GOP front-runner, the Dole camp neglected to attach their "symbol sheets" to some of their formal challenges of Forbes' nominating petitions in New York City. Symbol sheets explain abbreviations used in the challenges.

On other challenges, Dole failed to note the addresses of potential Forbes delegates he was challenging.

"The state election law requires that the symbol sheets be attached ... and the addresses must be on the forms," said New York City Board of Elections spokeswoman Naomi Bernstein.

That was enough for the New York City Board of Elections last week to toss out Dole's challenges to the Forbes petitions in nine of the city's 11 congressional districts.

That was a big boost for Forbes, the millionaire publisher from

Bedminster, N.J., who is running second to Dole in most polls.

"He who lives by the sword, dies by the sword," chortled Thomas Spargo, one of New York's best-known election lawyers and the person in charge of shepherding Forbes' petitions through the maze of New York laws.

In the city's two other congressional districts, the Dole challenges were upheld and Forbes' petitions for primary ballot spots in those districts were declared invalid. At least one of those rulings will be challenged by Forbes in court.

In the rest of the state, Spargo's crew also did well in fending off Dole challenges to Forbes petitions filed with the state Board of Elections and four other local boards.

By late last week, Forbes was on the ballot in 28 of the state's 31 congressional districts. The only other Dole rival to challenge for a spot in the New York primary, Pat Buchanan, was on the ballot in 12 districts.

In reality, the New York primary campaign is now in the hands of the lawyers for the next several weeks. The Dole, Forbes and Buchanan forces plan to continue the battle over petitions in the courts and the New York ballot may not be finalized until mid-February.

Nonetheless, if the election board rulings stand, Dole would wind up with a primary against Forbes in virtually the entire state and would face competition from Buchanan outside New York City. In the city, the conservative pundit is on the ballot in just one of the 11 congressional districts.

Should Forbes catch fire in the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary in late February, he would be well positioned for a run at Dole in New York, where 102 delegates are at stake. That's the third-highest number of delegates available in any state, and more than 10 percent of what is needed for the nomination. Only California and Texas offer bigger electoral prizes.

Buchanan would likely pull New York votes away from Dole on the right.

Putting together the challenge to Dole in New York has been expensive for Forbes. While Buchanan relied heavily on volunteers to carry his petitions, Forbes spent about \$1 million to hire lawyers and veteran political operatives and to arm them with computers.

Dole relied on the state's Republican Party apparatus, headed by state GOP Chairman William Powers, to put him on the ballot, and to keep the others off. Dole will be on the ballot.

New York has, in effect, separate GOP primaries in each of the state's 31 congressional districts. To qualify for the ballot, candidates must collect the signatures of at least 1,250 Republicans in most districts. In some New York City districts, where there are few Republicans, candidates are required to collect the signatures of 5 percent of party members who live there.

Dole and his New York supporters, including Sen. Alfonse D'Amato and Gov. George Pataki, came under heavy fire last year for refusing to ease New York's ballot access laws.

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Unmentionables

Zen and the art of rubber band warfare

by Matt "Ted Nugent" Peterson
staff mercenary

Lately the halls of Memorial have become a deadly warzone. It is no longer safe to casually walk among the floors or go from an office to the rec desk for a tasty beverage, for lurking around every corner and in dark areas lie the snipers waiting for the unwary victim. If one is not careful, one could find themselves being shot at and end up running for their lives. If you have to enter Memorial for anything, keep your ears open for the sound of padded footsteps carefully approaching. Look behind your back to make sure that you are not in range. And if you hear the gentle stretch of a bullet being prepared for fire, DUCK! Reach safety immediately or forfeit your right to whine when you get hit.

I am not talking about any real gunfights or assassinations (although it would give us some material for the front page). I am talking about rubber band death, man! The kind of panic that ensues when someone decides to point a rubber band at another human being and fire away. It all started recently when a few of us diligent *Flashlight* staffers found an unopened bag of rubber bands. The label said that the bag contained approximately 250 of them. Figuring that the bag would probably outlive most of the staff, we decided to put them to good use. Soon it became dangerous to go into the back room to get a soda from the fridge, because as soon as your back was turned you were fair game.

Now I know a lot of you have had experience with rubber band fights and shooting them off your fingers, but how many of us have really ever thought about the technique and skills involved? Sure it may seem childish (and it is) but there is a real art form behind the act. It is more than simply stretching a rubber band and aiming. There are a lot of specifics involved and once you master them, the true fight can begin. That is why I am writing this guide to rubber band fights so that beginner rubberbanders can get the hang of it and so seasoned professionals can sharpen their skills. Plus, I want everyone else on campus to get in on the fun. It's inex-

pensive and it provides a great way to relieve some stress. Sure, the first few times may piss you off as you get little red marks on your skin, but soon you develop a hunger for the game and you can't keep your hands off the rubbers (note: rubber is short for rubberbands).

Lesson 1: Attain the Proper Firing Tool

When starting you have to take into hand the proper tool (huh..uh..uhhh..). Now, you can use almost anything to fire rubber bands, from pens to notebooks to protruding body parts. However, us professionals at the *Flashlight* have found that the best weapon to use is the simple standardized ruler. It serves many purposes and proves to be the ideal weapon. It is straight, it has a broad enough surface to stretch a rubber band on the end, and it allows for one to put some real resistance into the shot allowing for longer and more painful shots. Other advantages include being able to customize the object to your liking. I personally prefer to carve a little notch into the middle of mine to place the stretched end of the rubber band in, that way you can simply hold the band in place with your thumb and then release and let fly. Now some like three or four notches for varied length shots. Also, if you have a wooden ruler you can create some nifty designs on the sucker with markers and intimidate your opponents. Gene "Mr Death" Yager prefers to paint his rulers black to symbolize his no prisoners approach.

It is important to find a ruler that is comfortable for you. Some prefer 12 inch, light rulers while others prefer the heavier 16 inch suckers. Now they both have their advantages and bigger may seem better, but don't get crazy. Chris "The Deerhunter" McGann almost put my eye out once when he put a rubber band on a T-square.

Lesson 2: Acquire an Arsenal

Now after having the right kind of ruler you have to acquire a decent arsenal of rubber bands. Now not just any rubber band will do. You really have to put some thought into it. There are definitely a variety to choose from. You can choose the thin, "snippy" bands which provide decent distance and a little sting or you can go for the average Joe bands which are definitely decent for medium

range shoot outs. You can even go for medium-thick bands that lose the distance of the smaller bands but make a cool noise when they hit someone in the pelvis. The final type of band is the elephant gun of rubber bands, the thick and stretchy. Now these suckers are rare but well worth looking for. We at the *Flashlight* have two in our possession but that weasel Josh "The Terminator" Cusatis has ferreted them off for use against us. These suckers can be stretched back about a foot and a half and can hit a pigeon easily in mid air. Plus, not only do they make a cool "THWACK" noise when they hit, they can break a rib at thirty feet.

Lesson 3: The Extras

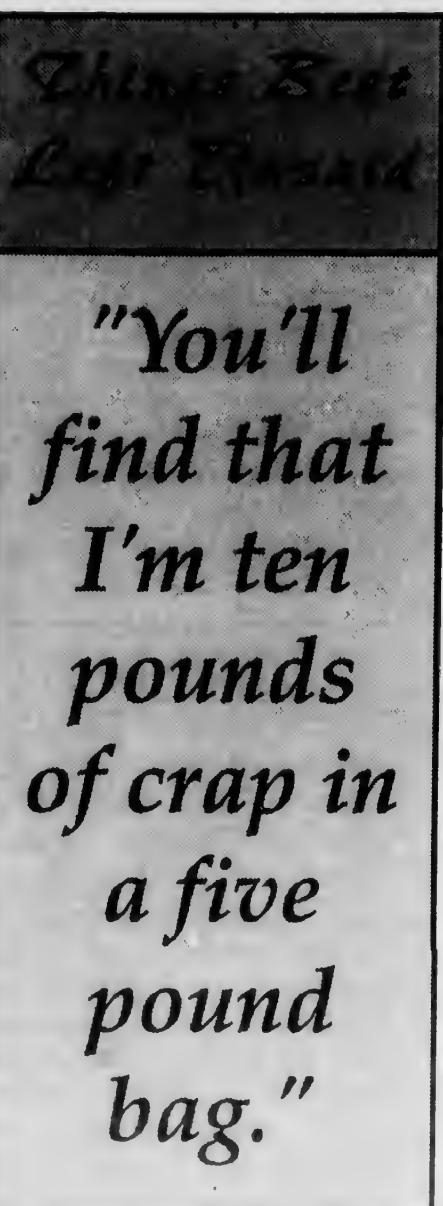
Once you have accumulated an arsenal and have chosen just the right kind of ruler, you may look into the extras. Little goodies like a holster and special rubber bands can be made easily from things you can find around your room or steal from the supply closet on your floor. A holster can be created by taking a small Crayola box (preferably empty) and attaching it to your hip with a makeshift rubber band harness. Once attached, fill the sucker to the brim. Next thing you know, when you get in a big standoff with an enemy, he'll be scrambling on the floor for more rubber bands and you'll be shooting off rounds like you were a natural born post office worker.

If you want to really make your band sting or make a lasting impression put them in some White-Out. The stuff hardens pretty quickly and not only makes the band sting more but leaves a little residue on the clothes. Don't worry it comes out (maybe).

You could also weather the bands. Place them out on a window sill for a couple of hours and treat them like you were a furrier hanging furs. There are also chemical treatments and slightly illegal procedures you can do, but I don't think we want to get that extreme.

Lesson 4: Find a Warzone and Even-Tempered Victims

The last thing you need to start a big rubber band war is an empty building and some hearty enemies. We at the *Flashlight* have chosen Memorial as our battleground and our enemies are ourselves and the most loathsome of beasts



present in memorial. MAC members. Yes, we enjoy storming their office like mercenaries and punishing whoever may be there regardless of whether they are armed or not.

If you can't find a building of your own (I hear North Hall's quite vacant) then try to find a sympathetic dorm floor or even take the battle into the bushes (it's a little harder to find the rubber bands though). A rubber band fight can happen anywhere and you should always have a few on you in case you get ambushed.

Well, I think that about does it for this informative guide on how to win enemies and piss off friends. You may think this was really silly (and it was) but I think when you pull back your first band and hear the satisfactory snap after letting go and the whine of your first victim you'll be hooked. One last word of advice: Don't go absently putting your fingers in your mouth after you finish a fight, they'll taste like the rubber making them taste five times worse than ear wax.

We need changes, more changes; Oh God, the changes!

by Josh Cusatis
The uncola nursemaid

I recently heard that the faculty of our illustrious university is planning on putting all of the student E.R.'s (evaluation records) on the campus computer system. This is just another bright idea for a more convenient atmosphere and user-friendly future.

This brainstorm comes only one semester after the passing of the rule that no longer allows students to be able to get a copy of their E.R. without going to their adviser and having one brought forth. This was designed to make college life easier by keeping us in the dark about required courses and enabling us to take the classes we really want like Aquatic Aerobics for the benefit of our future careers.

I've also been told that you can

no longer get a copy of your E.R., or any E.R., no matter what the circumstances are. How's that for convenience?

"Thanks to this new system, I'm not sure I'll be able to graduate in May because I couldn't get a copy of my E.R.," said 'Sparky' Peterson of the *Flashlight*. "I'll probably go to get my diploma and find out that I didn't take that one Ceramics course I needed."

This rule also has a side benefit that the faculty never considered in the planning stages. Since we can't get a copy of the E.R.'s in considering alternative majors, it makes sense that we would carefully consider changing from one major to another. I'm beginning to feel like a zek (prison inmate) in communist Russia.

I'm even more solidified in this mindset by the fact that now, because all of our E.R.'s are going to be on the com-

puter system, anyone with computer knowledge will have access to my course records.

ED: "Man, I wish I knew what classes I had to take to graduate."

SALLY: "Well, my little brother's a computer hacker so I know exactly what to register for this semester."

I never imagined that college life could, or would, become a full-fledged video game but I guess it has.

The object of the game is to get through North Hall and wage deadly battle with the evil Rod Kelchner.

Now, don't get me wrong. The faculty was able to foresee the possibility of computer hackers trying to get into our files so strict precautions are being taken. Seven, count them, seven security measures are being built into the system to shake off computer thieves..

And to ensure these measures are fool-proof, actual hackers are being asked to try to break into the system. Takes one to know one.

It has been my experience that if Murphy's Law applies to anything, it's computers. At some point, someone will find a way to get into our mainframe and the next thing you know someone will be selling our files to Mexican slave traders in the Mediterranean Sea for a sack of potatoes and a six-pack of Corona. After all, there are people out there that can find out the last time Bill Gates went to the bathroom after having a Rueben sandwich.

So, the next time you're pain-ing over what classes you have to take because you just don't know remember, there is somebody out there that knows and they're part of a revolutionary front against Victoria's Secret.

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NOMAD PT II: "Jyhad"

by MICHAEL WOOD



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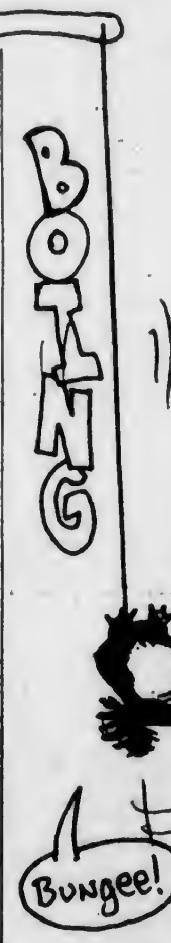


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The Flashlight

Mountie men on six game losing streak

by Joe Wagner
sports reporter

The Mountaineer men dropped their last three basketball games to make their consecutive losing streak six games straight. Hard luck, not lack of desire, has been their greatest weakness.

"Anything that could go wrong, did go wrong.", said Head Coach Tom Ackerman.

Bloomsburg University came to Decker Gymnasium Wednesday the 24th to face the Mountaineers on Mansfield home turf. All games between Mansfield and Bloomsburg have the potential to be barnburners. This game was no exception, being closer than what the 72-65 score indicated.

"We played extremely well", said Coach Ackerman. "We were in good shape the entire game. When these two [teams] play whoever has the ball last usually wins."

Mansfield was ahead at the end of the first half, led by the straight shooting of Tyrone Fisher. Fisher was the Mountaineers high scorer in the first half, putting 24 points on the board. He and Louis Judson were lethal from beyond the three-point arc, both hitting three 3-point field goals in the first period.

The Mounties were, however, outscored in the second half. Mansfield held the lead until the very end when they

were forced to foul to get the ball back.

Tyrone Fisher scored a total of 33 points and was Mansfield's high scorer for the game. Louis Judson finished with 31 points, hitting 5 of 10 three-pointers. John Sowell tallied 16 points. Rick Shaw and Barret Jones each had 14 points, and Steve Shannon rounded out the Mountaineer scoring with 10 points.

The Mountaineers next game was away at Millersville University on the 27th. They dropped this one 80-64. The loss could be attributed to be poor shooting.

"We got good shots but we didn't knock them down," said Coach Ackerman.

The Mounties came out of the locker room hot, and scored quickly and efficiently in the first ten minutes of the first half. But, Millersville finished the period strong and pulled ahead of the Mounties by five points at half time.

Millersville was the hot team in the second half. The Mountaineers fell further behind and were never able to dig themselves out of the hole they made for themselves.

"We didn't play near where we could be playing," said Coach Ackerman when asked about the loss. "We just haven't been able to put everything together."

Tyrone Fisher, once again, was the leading scorer for Mansfield having 17 points. Steve Shannon and Louis



Photo by San Cleveland
MU's John Sowell goes for the basket for the Mounties against Bloomsburg.

Judson both tallied 12 points. John Sowell had 11 points, Barret Jones had 9 points, and Rick Shaw had 7 points.

Mansfield came home last Wednesday to face the Kutztown. The Golden Bears are unbeaten in league play, having a record of 4-0 against inter-divisional rivals. The Mounties found themselves quickly behind, but never out of reach, in the first half of the opening period. Barret Jones tied it up with nine minutes left to play before the intermission. CJ Palmer scored the go-ahead basket and put Mansfield in the lead. The game see-sawed back and forth until Kutztown finally pulled ahead in the last minute before half time. The score at the half was 42-38, in favor of the visitors.

Mansfield came out in the second half facing the same problem they faced in the first. They trailed much of the time, but kept the game within striking distance. The mountaineers rallied, and with two minutes left, Louis Judson hit a 3-pointer that put Mansfield in the lead for the first time. 17 seconds later, VariAn Harvey of Kutztown hit a 3 field goal that put his team in the lead. With 13 seconds left in the game, Kutztown hit a 3-point field goal that broke the Mountaineers' back. The score was set at 87-83 when the final buzzer sounded.

"I was pleased." Coach Ackerman said. "We played hard and we played well."

Grappler Ginther wins match at PSAC's

by Amber Lakits
sports editor

Mansfield University wrestler Rusty Ginther went 1-3 this weekend at the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference wrestling championships at Millersville University.

"Rusty wrestled the best he's done all year," Head Coach Hank Shaw said. "He wrestled three really good matches."

Overall, the Mounties were unsuccessful as a team. Ginther, 142 lbs., was the only Mountie to come home with a win.

"I was disappointed that we didn't do well," Shaw said. "The people we expected to do something just didn't have a good tournament."

Four out of the 12 teams competing in the tournament were division one schools. And four out of our five original starters were not even healthy enough to go.

MU's Bart Gonzales wrestled well, according to Shaw, but ended up re-injuring his knee forcing him out of competition.

This Saturday pins MU up against University of Pitt-Johnstown. UPJ is currently placed fourth in the entire nation.

"The next three matches are extremely important for our seed in the National Qualifier," Shaw said. "We either need to step up or step out."

Flashlight
Athlete of the Week

Rusty Ginther



Mansfield University wrestler Rusty Ginther has been named *Flashlight* Athlete of the Week. Ginther went 1-2 at PSAC's last weekend at Millersville.

Mansfield University Men's Basketball Statistics

PLAYER	G-GS	FG-A	%	3FG-A	%	FT-A	%	O	D	T	Avg.	PTS.	Avg.
B. Jones	19-7	81-226	35.8	43-137	31.4	28-37	75.7	11	41	52	2.7	233	12.3
R. Shaw	19-18	82-185	44.3	0-1	0.0	54-75	72.0	50	90	140	7.4	218	11.5
L. Judson	19-15	98-207	47.3	42-92	45.7	63-93	86.3	19	53	72	3.8	301	15.8
S. Shannon	19-14	48-95	50.5	0-3	0.0	14-19	73.7	28	58	86	4.5	110	5.8
J. Sowell	19-19	76-164	46.3	1-4	25.0	56-75	74.7	41	48	89	4.7	209	11.0
C. Smith	8-7	40-98	40.8	12-37	32.4	14-21	66.7	5	9	14	1.8	106	13.3
T. Fisher	19-11	66-163	40.5	14-44	31.8	51-65	78.5	33	48	81	4.3	197	10.4
B. Zarzedez	19-2	8-23	34.8	0-0	0.0	8-12	66.7	19	21	40	2.1	24	1.3
C.J. Palmer	19-2	18-55	32.7	1-12	8.3	3-11	27.3	13	20	33	1.7	40	2.1
J.J. Smithson	5-0	2-8	25.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	4	9	13	2.6	4	0.8
MOUNTIES	19-19	519-1224	42.4	113-330	34.2	291-388	75.0	259	442	701	36.9	1442	75.9

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Mountie women's b-ball lose three straight

by Jason Bricker
asst. sports editor

The Mansfield women's basketball team suffered two tough losses this week at the hands of Kutztown and Millersville University.

On January 31, The Mountaineers faced tough and much taller Kutztown team. Mansfield stuck with Kutztown through most of the first half even though Becky Dutko couldn't seem to get in rhythm. At the end of the half the Mounties found them selves down by ten.

In the second half Kutztown opened up their lead early, but Mansfield fought back several times two cut the Kutztown lead down into single digits. Dutko caught fire in the second half, doing most of the Mounties offensive damage. But every time Mansfield got close they ran out of steam and Kutztown would open their lead back up.

"We just turned the ball over two

much," said head coach Jennifer Lynch. The Mountaineers ended up losing by 19.

On January 27, The Mounties hosted Millersville University, who was just ahead of Mansfield in the PSAC Eastern Division.

Mansfield played an exceptional first half, forcing Millersville two shot just 26% from the field. The Mountaineers took an 11 point lead into the locker room at the half.

Millersville came out fighting in the second half going on a 13-2 run to tie the game 39-39. The game went back and forth with the two teams exchanging the lead until Millersville took the lead for good with 9:21 left to play in the game. Millersville ended up winning the game 79-65.

Lynch pointed to Mansfield's 21% shooting from the field in the second half as the reason for losing the game.

"We had good shot selection, but the shots just weren't falling," said Lynch.

Dutko and Erin Fisher both had 17



Photo by Sam Cleveland

Mansfield Mountie Becky Dutko goes for the basket in the Mounties loss to Kutztown.

points in the game.

MU opens up February, the final month of the season, away at West Chester. The two teams last played January 13 with West Chester just over

coming with a three point win.

This year, the Mountaineers are setting their sights on beating West Chester.

"We must be more disciplined and cut down on turnovers," said Lynch.

MU swimmers pick up first win of season

by Noelle Johnson
sports reporter

The Mansfield University women's swimming and diving team began 1996 with a win against Wells College Monday January 29. The Mounties swam to a 69-39 victory.

"A total team effort led to the win," Head Coach Frank Socha said. "All swimmers and divers contributed

to the team's first win."

Mansfield won 10 of 13 events contested. Leading the way were Molly Schonour and Vickie Podwika as they each recorded three first place finishes for the night. Schonour swam to first place finishes in the grueling 1000 yd. freestyles and 500 yd. free-style events. Podwika captured firsts in the 50 yd. freestyle and 100 yd. butterfly and teamed up with Schonour, Amy Dugo and Carla Heiney in a near record per-

formance in the 400 yd. free-style relay.

Dugo and Sheri Weber were double winners. Weber took firsts in the 100 yd. backstroke and 200 yd. individual medley. In addition to being a member of the winning 400 yd. freestyle relay team, Dugo placed first in the 100 yd. freestyle.

Freshman diver Natalie Grout continued her strong performance as she took firsts in both diving events.

Grout joined Missy Tyson to take 1-2 in the first round of diving. This keeps her undefeated on the season.

MU also swept the 200 yd. individual medley with Melissa Drumheller placing second to Weber. Jen Rossman swam to a second place finish in the 100 yd. backstroke to team with Weber to sweep that event.

MU will close out their season on Saturday at Decker Pool as they host East Stroudsburg University at 2:00 pm.

Steelers get stolen from in Super Bowl-commentary

by Seth Dennis
sports reporter

Well, in case you didn't watch the big game on Sunday the Dallas Cowboys were victorious in yet another Super Bowl. They defeated the AFC Champion Pittsburgh Steelers 27-17. This gives the Cowboys their third Super Bowl win in the last four years, and could be the team of the '90's. If they are to be considered the team of the '90's, I am

ready to move on with this decade.

I wasn't pleased with the outcome of this Super Bowl, but I must say that it wasn't a bad game to watch. The reason for saying this is that it wasn't a blowout. I was very skeptical in most of the first half when at one point the Cowboys were up 13-0.

Finally, before the end of the first half Pittsburgh was able to put a drive together and rack up seven. The score going into half-time was now 13-7, and it was a pretty good Super Bowl

game thus far.

In the third quarter Dallas scored again putting them up 20-7. It now looked like the door was beginning to close on the Steelers. However, in the fourth quarter the underdogs once again showed a spark of life. Pittsburgh was able to kick an early field goal followed later by a touchdown run. It was a whole new ball game with the score 20-17 and the Steelers beginning another drive possibly to tie or win the game. At this point of the game all of

on the edge of our seats.

Then it happened. Neil O'Donnell threw a perfect pass right into the hands of Cowboys. Larry Brown made the easy grab which thereafter led to another Dallas touchdown.

Dallas wins, there is no more. Final score 27-17.

Pittsburgh, despite the loss, did a lot of good things. The Steeler fans had a lot to cheer about in the game, for a while anyway. They also gave Dallas a challenge. Holding Emmit Smith to only 49 yards is quite an accomplishment. The Steeler defense also did a nice job only allowing 13 points, not counting the two TD's off of turnovers.

Like I stated before, it wasn't a blowout which make this Super Bowl a pretty good game to watch. We haven't seen a Super Bowl game this close in score since the New York Giants won a lucky game over the Buffalo Bills in 1991 (21-20). But, can any AFC team defeat the Dallas Cowboys? Nonetheless, win a Super Bowl!

MU Women's Basketball Statistics

REBOUNDS

PLAYER	G-GS	FG-A	%	3FG-A	%	FT-A	%	O	D	T	PTS.
S. Barr	17-16	67-190	35.3	35-101	34.7	14-17	82.4	15	40	55	183
L. Bricker	17-0	29-80	32.2	5-23	21.7	11-20	55.0	16	20	36	74
B. Dutko	17-17	111-223	49.8	0-0	0.0	65-98	66.3	49	70	119	287
C. Farabaugh	17-17	25-84	29.8	7-19	36.8	7-14	50.0	16	34	50	64
E. Fisher	17-10	47-150	31.3	2-15	13.3	31-41	75.6	27	39	66	127
C. Hill	17-0	14-50	28.3	5-19	26.3	9-13	69.2	5	16	21	42
M. Jeffery	17-17	73-171	42.7	0-0	0.0	55-86	64.0	92	103	195	201
L. Martin	6-0	1-5	20.0	0-0	0.0	1-2	50.0	0	2	2	3
J. Masker	17-8	36-118	30.5	16-62	25.8	18-26	69.2	8	16	24	106
T. Moser	16-0	18-33	54.5	0-0	0.0	5-8	62.5	20	26	46	41
D. Owens	13-0	9-30	30.0	0-0	0.0	5-7	71.4	11	20	31	23
J. Williams	8-0	7-20	35.0	1-3	33.3	5-9	55.6	2	1	3	20

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MU basketball

"We are a more intense team this year. We are gradually gaining respect in the PSAC."

Meet The Team

by: Amber Lakits
sports editor

Name: Dawn Owens
Year: Senior
Position: Center
Hometown: Carbondale
High School: Carbondale Area

Awards: Most Improved Player-1992-1993 1994-1995

MU hosts second annual MLK conference

Sandy Falicki
staff reporter

The weekend of January 26th and 27th had something different in store for Mansfield University faculty, administration and students, and the local residents.

Last weekend, the university hosted the second annual Martin Luther King Day Conference.

The conference consisted of a variety of events and workshops that dealt with African-American heritage and contemporary issues dealing with a multi-cultural society.

Annie Cooper, director of Multi-Cultural Affairs, coordinated the Martin Luther King Day Conference with the help of the Black Student Union.

"Compared to last year, (the conference) was a great improvement," Cooper said. "The conference has expanded. Professors, who encouraged the students to get involved, were mostly responsible."

All the sessions and workshops, held on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, were open to the public.

"The people who participated seemed to enjoy it and got a lot out of it," said Dr. Dennis Murray, psychology professor at MU.

Murray held two sessions during the conference, "Exploring Differences: A Personal Approach" and "Conflict Resolution Among Students."

During his first session, Murray had his audience exchange personal stories which would lead the group to a psychological approach to understanding



Photo provided

MU student Jawar Griffin read poetry last weekend during an activity at the MLK conference.

ethnic differences.

"I was very pleased with the participation of the students in my sessions," Murray said.

The Art Department also held two sessions, which taught about and celebrated African heritage and African-American art.

Dr. Harold Carter, MU professor of art, hosted a session called, "African-American Artists and Their Subject Matter," which consisted of a film and lecture.

"It was very informative and interesting learning about the art and artists," said Lou Greco, MU senior and art education major. "I would like to see other workshops that deal with other ethnic backgrounds and how their immigration to America effected their art."

The Art History Association and Dr. Bonnie Kutbay, MU professor of art, hosted "Artistic Expressions: The Heritage of Africa."

"For the most part, the audience

was happy with the session," Kutbay said. "They seemed to learn the contributions of African-Americans to art and culture. I'm happy with the information we were able to teach."

In this session, African art history papers were presented by Kutbay and students. African-American music selections and poetry were also performed by students.

"It was really educational for cultural diversity," said Melissa Smith, MU freshman and elementary education major. "I especially enjoyed the readings of African-American poetry."

Among the weekend's activities was a luncheon and a banquet in North Dining Hall, which also entertained speakers.

"The disappointing part was the low attendance level at the luncheon," Cooper said. "I thought the speaker was interesting and willing to talk to the students, but all I've been hearing is that the conference was a success."

This is only the second time that the Martin Luther King Day Conference was held at MU.

"Our main focus was to get the campus involved, but I'd like to see more public school teachers involved too," Cooper said.

MU faculty and administration plan to continue the annual tradition of hosting a Martin Luther King Day Conference.

"The conference was important because it gets all of us involved with thinking about very important issues related to living in a peaceful and harmonious, diverse society," Murray said.

Clinton focuses on black women in during black history month

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton used his annual black history month proclamation Wednesday to urge greater recognition for the achievements of black women.

He challenged Americans to "embrace the diverse strands of our story," starting with the contributions of black women who "have fought extraordinary battles for social, economic and political empowerment."

"The voices of African-American women have called attention to the twin burdens of racism and sexism and have invited listeners to discover the richness of traditions kept alive in back kitchens and workrooms," Clinton said.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said Clinton saw this year's proclamation as another chance to address the wide gulf between blacks' and whites' perceptions of American society, a theme he has consistently revisited since issuing a call for racial conciliation last October.

"He identified this for himself as a task of leadership that he wanted to meet, because a president can address those divisions in our society that keep people apart," McCurry said. "He will continue to do that."

Clinton most recently spoke about race in Houston, McCurry said, during the funeral of Barbara Jordan, the first black woman elected to Congress from a Southern state.

Clinton again recalled Jordan's legacy in Wednesday's proclamation, noting her observation that blacks were not counted as citizens when the Constitution was written in 1787.

"Let us honor her by seeking to further the progress made since those early days toward true equality and inclusion," Clinton said.

He encouraged teachers to craft lessons around the works of black women, and particularly cited speeches and writings by women such as abolitionist Sojourner Truth, educator Mary

McLeod Bethune and author and Nobel laureate Toni Morrison.

Meanwhile, McCurry said, the Clinton administration continues working on a formal strategy for addressing

racial concerns through policies and practices "that provide opportunity for people that reward those efforts to bring people together to find common ground, that bridges the gaps that exist."

February is African-American history month

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton today proclaimed February as National African-American History Month and urged special recognition for black women who rose above "the twin burdens of racism and sexism."

"In churches and communities, and more recently in universities and statehouses across America, these women have fought extraordinary battles for social, economic and political empowerment," Clinton said.

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"The voices of African-American women have called attention to the twin burdens of racism and sexism and have invited listeners to discover the richness of traditions kept alive in back kitchens and workrooms," Clinton said.

Clinton also recalled the late Barbara Jordan, the first black woman elected to Congress from a Southern state, and her observation that the nation's founding fathers did not consider black people as full citizens when the Constitution was written in 1787.

Calendar

Friday, February 2

1-4pm Free pool at the Rec Desk in Memorial Hall
6-8pm Mysterious Eskimo Show on WNTE
10pm Zanzibar at the Hut

Saturday, February 3

1pm Women's basketball away at West Chester
3pm Men's basketball away at West

Chester

2pm Women's swimming at home with East Stroudsburg
2pm Wrestling away at University of Pitt-Johnstown
10pm Zanzibar at the Hut

Sunday, February 4

8pm Zanzibar at the Hut

Monday, February 5

Last day to turn in "Incomplete" grades
4pm Flashlight meeting in 217 Memorial Hall

9pm Student Government Meeting, Memorial Hall

Tuesday, February 6

1pm Ebony Discussion Hour in the MLK Center, Memorial Hall

Wednesday, February 7

6pm Women basketball away at East Stroudsburg
8pm Men's basketball away at East Stroudsburg

11-1pm Free popcorn at the Rec Desk in Memorial Hall

6:30pm TV Club meeting, Allen Hall

8pm WNTE staff meeting, lower Memorial Hall

9pm MAC Coffeehouse at the Hut



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MU trainer to work with Olympic athletes

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You can say Mansfield University athletic trainer Tim Butterfield is passionate about his job in the athletic department.

It was this passion that drove him to apply for a position on the U.S. Olympic team. After coming across an application in the National Athletic registration, he applied for the position and has been waiting patiently since last Spring.

On Jan. 22, Butterfield's waiting ended. He received a call from Kylene Marabel of the Atlanta Olympic Committee and found out that he is Atlanta-

bound this summer to train with the men's and women's field hockey teams.

"I was so excited when she called me," Butterfield said. "It's an excellent opportunity and I am honored that they selected me." Butterfield was selected to serve on the 29 day field hockey venue, which runs from July 29 to Aug. 3.

The job is strictly voluntary and will require long hours from Butterfield, but he says the chance to participate in the Olympic games only comes around once in a lifetime.

"This is the greatest opportunity I have ever had," Butterfield said. "I'll get to work with the best of athletes and trainers."

Butterfield's previous experience with large sports competitions includes the Empire State Games in New

York.

Butterfield has not been notified specifically what he will be doing during the games, but he imagines his knowledge in sports medicine and his sports training skills will be used extensively.

"It will be a great experience working with athletes, trainers and doctors from all over the world," Butterfield said. "A lot of medical knowledge will be shared back and forth. I look forward to that."

However, the trip will have to be cut short four days, due to his contract with MU, Butterfield said. This will bring him back on July 20.

Butterfield, who has a Bachelor's degree in biology and a Masters

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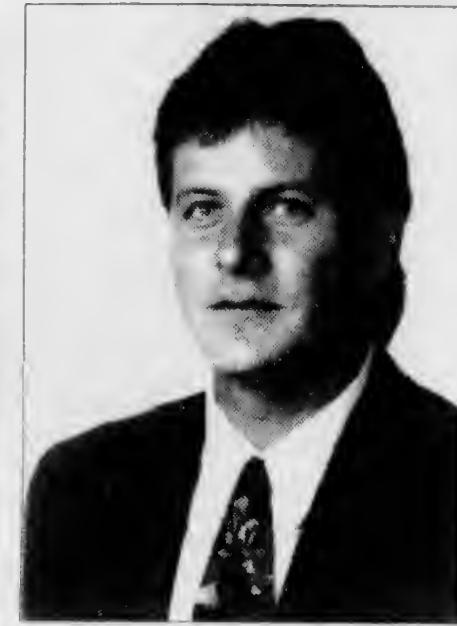


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MU Athletic Trainer Tim Butterfield will volunteer his time to work with the 1996 Summer Olympics.



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Former MU catcher John Michael Cook has achieved his goal of Major League baseball.

Former student signs with Houston Astros

special to the Flashlight

John Michael Cook, Elmira Free Academy graduate and former Mansfield University standout, will continue his professional baseball career in 1996. But, it won't be in Elmira.

Cook, a two-time All-American who helped lead Mansfield to two College World Series appearances, signed a contract to play the 1996 season in the Houston Astro's organization. He joins former MU baseball player Alan Probst, whom he replaced as catcher at

Mansfield. Probst played at the Class AA level last season and has signed a AAA contract this year.

Last season Cook hit .412 and set a school and conference record with 20 home runs and 62 RBIs in helping Mansfield to its fourth straight Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference crown and fourth trip to the NCAA Division II play-offs.

In June, Cook signed a contract to play for the Lethbridge (Alberta) Mounties in the Pioneer League, one of

two Rookie Leagues affiliated with Major League Baseball.

A free agent, Cook played on the co-op Lethbridge team that included players from three different major league organizations. Cook broke into the starting line-up early in the season and turned in a solid performance. In 58 games, he hit .264 with 58 hits including 10 doubles, two triples and a home run. In addition, Cook drove in 29 runs while scoring 26 times. He committed just

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Employers have eyes on college grads in '96

by Daniel Mendonça
Flashlight editor

Employers are going back to college, and they're bringing job opportunities for the Class of '96 with them, according to a recent survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

Employers told NACE that they're looking for candidates with strong communication skills and those who have been involved in campus organizations or extracurricular activities, particularly in leadership roles. They also want candidates with some type of work experience: co-op, internship, or work related to the student's field of study.

According to Frank Kollar, career development and placement services director, the class of 1996 will have good job opportunities.

"The market is better this year than it has been in recent years," Kollar said. "Students are urged to visit the placement office to use the resources available."

As Kollar explained, the office

of career development and placement services, located at South Hall 305, offers students many web sites in the Internet, and different computer applications in order to build resumes and cover letters.

Many job fairs and lectures are scheduled for this Spring semester, Kollar said. On Feb. 29, a civil service official is going to speak about employment on state government, at 1:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall room 204. On Feb. 22, the University of Scranton will sponsor a Liberal Arts Fair, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Bryon Center. For education majors, the University of Bloomsburg will host a job fair on April 15, and all senior education majors are invited, Kollar said.

According to NACE, this year looks promising for employers and many expect an increase in business activity. Employers say that their organizations are growing and they need to expand their work forces.

They want to find many of those new hires among the ranks of the 1995-96 graduates. Employers plan to

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Bachelors Degree	Salary	Change
Accounting	\$28,395	3.5 percent
Business	26,585	2.6
Economics/Finance	29,209	3.3
Management Information Systems	32,462	5.7
Marketing	27,161	3.1
Liberal Arts	25,170	3.1
Chemical Engineering	39,614	2.6
Civil Engineering	31,925	2.6
Computer Engineering	35,855	3.4
Electrical Engineering	36,454	3.2
Industrial Engineering	35,575	3.0
Mechanical Engineering	36,167	2.7
Chemistry	28,586	2.5
Computer Science	34,222	4.0
Mathematics	33,717	4.1
Sciences (other)	26,433	3.6

Master's Degree	Salary	Change
Accounting	\$36,200	2.8
M.B.A.	46,960	2.4
Chemical Engineering	43,033	3.0
Electrical Engineering	42,070	3.6
Mechanical Engineering	40,343	2.7
Computer Science	41,982	4.1

Doctoral Degree	Salary	Change
Chemical Engineering	\$57,850	3.2
Electrical Engineering	60,848	1.2
Chemistry	55,475	3.0
Computer Science	58,625	1.7

Average starting salaries 1995-96 and percentage change from 1994-95

Student Voices

by Sam Cleveland

Q. "Do you feel that having computer access to your ER will help you keep track of your course records?"



Jacqueline Inverso
Sophomore

"I feel the idea's good and seems to be a helpful way of keeping my records. However, the availability of the computers is limited"



Keith Crowley
Sophomore

"My electronic rabbits are my own business and should remain completely confidential."



David Trein
Sophomore

"It doesn't matter to me, I hate computers."



Mike Thomas
Junior

"Yeah, sure. It couldn't hurt!"

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degree in athlete training, came to work for MU in 1992 as head trainer in football. He was attracted to the school because of its Division II standing in football, among other reasons.

"I was also attracted by the small time atmosphere of Mansfield," Butterfield said.

During the football season, Butterfield works for three months straight, seven days a week with the football players. In the off season he works with a variety of different athletes.

"I deal with everything from prevention and care of injuries to full rehabilitation," Butterfield said.

Butterfield's selection to the

Olympic training committee was not a surprise to several students and co-workers.

Senior Basketball player Dawn Owens, who has worked with Butterfield since she was a freshman, feels that he is really helpful and he knows what he is talking about.

Neil Dodge, a graduate student who has worked as a student athletic trainer under him, also thought the appointment was a good one.

"I was not surprised when they chose him because I have worked alongside him in the New York Empire State games," said Dodge. "He is a good athletic trainer because of how he works with people."

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three errors on the field, playing most of the season at first base.

For the Mountaineers in 1995, Cook played in 55 games rapping out 80 hits including 16 doubles, two triples, and 20 home runs, while scoring 64 times and driving in 62 RBIs.

He was named the PSAC East Player of the Year along with 1st Team All-PSAC East, North Atlantic Regional and 2nd Team All-America honors.

In three seasons, since transferring from Florida State, Cook hit .379 to lead Mansfield to three straight NCAA Division II National Baseball Championship tournaments, including World

Series appearances in 1993 and 1994.

Over that span Cook appeared in 160 games rapping out 218 hits in 574 at-bats, including 45 doubles, 10 triples, and 37 home runs. In addition, he scored 167 times while driving in a school and conference record of 168 RBIs.

One of just three players at Mansfield to be twice selected to All-America honors, Cook holds 10 school and conference records.

As a freshman with Florida State in 1992, Cook appeared in 41 games with 33 hits in 91 at-bats, including six doubles and two home runs and was a member of the 1992 Seminole Division I College World Series team.

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fill their job openings through a stepped-up on-campus recruitment program or by raiding their cooperative education and internship programs. Thus, the employment outlook for new graduates is looking better than it has for the past several years.

According to the Job Outlook '96 survey, conducted by NACE, overall survey respondents project hiring 23.5 percent more graduates in 1995-96 than they hired in 1994-95. This year, employers expect to hire an average of 98 new college graduate hires. Last year, employers averaged 80 new hires.

Best bets for employment in the service sector: merchandisers and employers providing computer software development and data processing services. Among manufacturing employers, computer and business machine manufacturers are expected to more than double the number of new college graduates they hire this year, and chemical manufacturers plan to increase hiring by about 38 percent.

Starting salaries are expected to increase significantly this year, as well. Employers plan to increase starting salaries to their entry-level hires an overall average of 3.3 percent this year. Grads should see the biggest increases in service-sector salaries, with these employers planning to up starting salaries an

average of 3.4 percent. Manufacturing employers plan to increase starting salaries to their new hires by 3.3 percent, and government and nonprofit employers plan to increase starting salaries 2.6 percent.

The American Federation of Teachers recently released its survey of the average salary of teachers in each state and the District of Columbia. The average salary for teachers in 1994-95 was \$36,744. The survey indicates a great disparity in average salaries according to states. The ten states that had the highest salaries were as follows:

Connecticut, \$50,598; Alaska, \$47,864; New York, \$47,612; New Jersey, \$47,038; Michigan, \$46,575; Pennsylvania, \$44,510; District of Columbia, \$43,142; Massachusetts, \$40,976; Rhode Island, \$40,729; and California, \$40,667. The ten states that paid their teachers the lowest annual salaries were: Idaho, \$29,784; Arkansas, \$28,950; Utah, \$28,919; Montana, \$28,785; Oklahoma, \$28,745; New Mexico, \$28,394; Mississippi, \$26,818; Louisiana, \$26,811; North Dakota, \$26,317; and South Dakota, \$26,037.

"Start early to get your career search started," Kollar said

NOTE: The content of this story was partially extracted from the Career Choices Newsletter.

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Language lab gets upgrade of computers

by Chris McGann
layout editor

Mansfield University students taking foreign language courses will have new equipment in the language lab in Belknap Hall.

According to Spanish professor David Iovino, who is in charge of the lab, the back row of audio stations has been moved and five Macintosh computers have been installed.

Australian professor speaks about South African experience

by Sandy Falicki
staff reporter

Lawson Lobb, a visiting mathematics professor from Australia, presented a faculty lecture entitled "South Africa A Personal Journey: Its Past X, Its Present!, Its Future?" on Tuesday, Feb. 6, in North Dining Hall.

Lobb's lecture exposed the conditions of South Africa while it was under apartheid. Lobb also discussed the present day conditions of the country under new government leaders and the uncertainty of its future.

"I have a great interest in people being aware of (South Africa)," Lobb said.

Although he was raised in East London, Lobb was born in South Africa and returned there during the height of apartheid.

"I went back there to see what I could do about seeing change," Lobb said. "I was inspired by the Civil Rights movement in America."

The white class had always been dominant in South Africa, but apartheid, which became law in the 1960s, allowed total racial segregation.

Under apartheid, residential areas were designated in which the people in that area were all of the same race, Lobb said.

According to Lobb, those in power were also strict on who came into and went out of the country. Wars in that country went on for 10 years. The people who opposed it were considered communists, and nearly 400,000 people were jailed per year.

Lobb had studied and involved himself in student politics in college. He was also involved with the Civil Rights movement in America. He returned to South Africa in 1967 to a country full of opposition and oppression.

Lobb marched and protested, even though there were charges brought

"We are going to install a sixth computer when we get it," Iovino said.

The new computers have German and Spanish tutorial programs. Iovino added that the foreign language department is looking for a French program.

These programs were set up to help students learn languages more easily. Iovino said that students can't always learn with just audio. Some students also need visual aids. The Spanish program combines audio with visual.

on people who did so.

"I protested, but there was a lot of fear and police brutality," Lobb said. "Rallying was illegal. The minimum sentence for doing so was five years."

He was told to leave South Africa.

According to Lobb, there were government informants everywhere in South Africa. Officials ran phone taps and searched mail to further suppress opposition. Violence was created by the apartheid regime.

By the 1970s, blacks no longer tolerated their country's situation. They took over power in their residential areas and the children refused to learn the language of their suppressors.

Nelson Mandella, a man jailed for 27 years for defending his people, was finally released and voted into office. The African National Conference and the United Nations influenced the white leaders to end their reign.

"During this time, the black people who had suffered so much hadn't turned to hatred or revenge, and that's hope," Lobb said.

Lobb was able to return to South Africa after Mandella was released.

When Lobb spoke of the future of South Africa, he said that there is no certainty. The leaders have a lot of problems to work through such as health, housing, jobs, and a myriad of other things.

"It's very hard to forget and forgive what has happened," Lobb said.

Zeinul Dudha, an international student from Malawi, Africa, was one of the many who attended the lecture.

"I thought the lecture was good because it expressed a lot of things that were going on there," Dudha said. "It's very important for American students to learn of these things because they haven't grown up in a country where 80 percent of the people live in fear. It opens their eyes to the rest of the world."

"They offer different modes of education," said lab assistant Paul Ruhlin, a junior Spanish education major. "It helps students to develop an ear for the language."

The idea may take a while to catch on.

"I have only used the computers once," said junior international business major Erika Decker, "and I wish the programs worked with the book more. But I think it could be helpful."

Iovino said that other plans include connecting the lab to the Internet and ordering programs that will allow professors to write their own lessons.

He added that the department has not decided what equipment students will be permitted to use. He wants students to have access to foreign newspapers, but he is concerned about people abusing this privilege.

These options are expected to be ready by the end of the semester.

Flashlight evaluation shows strengths, weaknesses in paper

by Aimee York
copy editor

Several 1995 Spring publications of the *Flashlight* were sent in November to be evaluated by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association of Columbia University, NY to help enhance the quality of its future publications.

CSPA is located in one of the top two journalism schools in the country according to the National Research Council and is responsible for commissioning one judge per publication to analyze on the basis of Content, Presentation, and General Operations as stated in its *College Newspaper Critique*.

This year's judge, Nancy L. Green, a former General Manager of student publications at the University of Texas in Austin, commented positively on the efforts of the *Flashlight*.

"*Flashlight* provides some very newsy issues, including national and state synopses," she said. "Such fare underscores a positive service to the campus."

University newspapers are separated into categories based upon enrollment, number of issues published, and the program length of their institution being either two or four year.

Points are then awarded for each of the three major categories with the overall maximum achievement of 1000 points. The *Flashlight*, earning a

total of 780.5 points, placed as a Bronze Medalist between the 2,000-5,000 student category, decreasing 78 points from last year's critique. Gold Medalists were awarded 925-1000 points and Silver ranged from 850-924.

Matt Peterson, *Flashlight* editor, Spring 1995, provided reason for the drop in rating.

"One reason for losing points was because of printing quality and not content," he said.

In the area of Content, the *Flashlight* was recognized for balancing coverage on opinion articles, general community, campus and national news as well as originality and timeliness of features. The *Flashlight* lost points for non-action photos. Improvements were also suggested for its use of graphics and depth of news sources and quotations. Editorials were evaluated as too lengthy. The editorial board has decided to start writing shorter editorials based on this analysis.

Presentation in general followed the proper tabloid format and provided a readable type style with topical pages designed to be reader friendly. Criticism fell in the area of photography reproduction and typographical errors.

Overall General Operations of the *Flashlight* did well in managing its finances and was thought to have established a professional looking publication.

Police Beat

02/02/96

21:25 Broken exit signs on the second floor of Cedarcrest A.

22:00 Responded to a fight in the Recreation Center. One student cited for disorderly conduct.

02/04/96

11:30 Student reported receiving harassing phone calls.

14:16 Motor vehicle hit and run reported in A lot.

18:07 Report of theft in Cedarcrest Hall.

02/05/96

14:05 Assisted an outside agency in serving two subpoenas to a student.

15:05 A woman hit a street

sign at the end of Morris Drive when her brakes failed.

02/06/96

22:00 Unknown person(s) dismantled a fire alarm bell on the second floor of Cedarcrest A.

02/07/96

18:55 Assisted Mansfield Police Department with a mentally disturbed person until appropriate help could be contacted.

02/08/96

10:30 Report of student being harassed in Laurel Hall by a former friend/acquaintance in the form of phone calls, visits, etc. Student was told to cease or an arrest would follow.

Farmer nauseated by 2,500 drunk pigs

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Talk about stinking drunk!

Farmer Birger Moquist was shocked by what he saw when he walked into the barn of his hog farm in southern Sweden: his 2,500 pigs were drunk.

Many were staggering, some were fighting, some were lying on the ground squealing and a few — apparently the real party animals — were vomiting.

Moquist said the incident last week reminded him of what he'd seen at an outdoor dance club.

The swine at the farm in Vikingstad had been given their usual chow: residue from a dairy farm. But farmhands were unaware that the milky food had fermented and turned into alcohol, the national newspaper Expressen reported Wednesday.



An Army Quintet was featured in Steadman Theatre on Tuesday, Feb. 6.

Argentinian musicians perform in Steadman

Duo of Pablo Cohen and Claudio Barile expresses Latin culture in flute/guitar recital

by Stephanie DeNicola
staff reporter

The Mansfield University music department featured the duo known as Tango de Camera on Monday, Feb. 5.

Pablo Cohen and Claudio Barile are both from Argentina. The program was filled with musical selections from Argentina and Brazil. However, the program was changed because two of the pieces were lost, Barile said.

Cohen, the guitarist, currently teaches guitar in MU's music department. He has performed throughout the United States and Central and South America.

Barile plays the flute and Irish whistle. He made his professional debut at age 14 with the Orquesta Filarmónica de Buenos Aires. He has also performed with the Berlin Philharmonic and with the Camerata Bariloche in Carnegie Hall.

"Two years ago we made a record together," Barile said. "The record was titled *Impressions* and was recorded in New York. We plan to record another one in July."

In addition to this, the duo will be touring guitar and flute festivals in the fall, according to Cohen.

Barile's girlfriend, Sandra Rovner, joined Barile on his trip to MU. She is a classical singer who received her Master's degree in Performance at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

"I get nervous and anxious about touring college campuses, but I enjoy it so much," Rovner said. "There's a portion of risk whenever you do a repertoire that is not known, no matter how good you are."



Photo by Liz Barrett

Guitarist Pablo Cohen and Flutist Claudio Barile played Brazilian, Argentinian, and Venezuelan pieces on Monday.

The audience responded well to the music.

"I liked the texture of the music and the repertoire," said junior music merchandising major Pete Poulos.

Other students found the performance to be an educational experience.

"I think it was very soothing, educational, and multicultural," said Amy Swinson, a freshman music education major.

On Feb. 6, Barile taught a master class in Butler Center. A master class

is where the music majors of the same instrument meet, perform and are critiqued by their professor. The class was open to flute, saxophone, double reed, guitar, and clarinet majors.

Several of the students were disappointed that only the flute trio was able to perform and be critiqued.

"Barile spoke very softly so only the people in the flute trio heard him," said Amanda Shull, a freshman music education/saxophone major. "I feel I could have learned more if we weren't all together."

Some students felt that all of the students involved should have been allowed to perform.

"Barile was extremely talented and listening to him play was very enjoyable," said Mollie Bealcr, a freshman music therapy/saxophone major. "However, the purpose of master class is to perform and be critiqued and only the flute trio got that chance."

Barile plans to return to Argentina until the duo reunites in July to make their record.

Man builds 18 foot gear to listen for aliens

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (AP) — Joe Griffin Sr., who makes gears, doesn't seem a likely candidate to help scientists find alien life in outer space.

But the owner of Griffin Gear Inc. is about to finish a gear 18 feet in diameter for the world's largest radio telescope that has been used to listen for possible broadcasts from intelligent life on other planets.

The National Science Foundation's Arecibo Radio Telescope, in Puerto Rico, is undergoing a \$125 million upgrade which includes replacement of the gear needed to rotate radio receivers.

The gear is about 2 inches thick. It had to be built at double the required thickness and then sawed in half, Griffin said.

The telescope, built by the federal government 32 years ago, conducts deep-space research by transmitting and receiving radio waves. It also sends out radio waves to map the surface of the moon, collects transmissions to pinpoint the location of stars and tracks the movement of asteroid fields.

Project engineer Kurt Samuelson visited Griffin's factory Tuesday to check on the progress of the gear, which should take about two weeks to make.

"I was interested in seeing the thing fabricated, and I'm very impressed," Samuelson said.

Cornell University operates the telescope, which costs \$125 million a year.

Forensics place 5th, advances to nationals

Special to the Flashlight

The Mansfield University Forensic Team had a successful weekend at the 27th Annual Ithaca College Forensic Tournament on Feb. 3 and 4.

Every member of the team earned at least one award at the tournament. Overall, Mansfield finished 5th of the eight schools in the competition. Schools from as far away as West Virginia were involved.

Individual results are as follows: Mike Deckman, a junior journalism/CJA major from Bloomsburg, PA,

finished 5th in prose interpretation, 5th in poetry interpretation and 6th in dramatic duo interpretation with Marisa Steinas, a public relations major from Rochester, NY. Elizabeth Vanderpool, a public relations major from Troy, PA, won a 6th place award in prose interpretation. Joe Reever, a journalism major from York, PA, earned a 6th place award in persuasive speaking.

The next scheduled tournament for the team is the state championship to be held at West Chester University Feb. 16-17.

Mobile, Ala. cracks down on topless bars

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — The city passed an ordinance banning topless dancing at bars, but some adult club owners and once city councilwoman says the ordinance will likely open the door to totally nude strip clubs.

The ordinance passed 5-1 Tuesday — bans topless dancing at establishments with a liquor license.

But if a club serves non-alcoholic beverages and lets patrons bring their own liquor the establishments can still feature topless dancing and even more.

At least 150 proponents of the measure, including several religious leaders, told the council the new ordinance strikes a blow for decency.

Councilwoman Vivian Davis Figures was the lone vote against the ordinance. She said it will lead to greater enforce-

ment problems for the city once the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Board no longer has regulatory authority over clubs that decide to stop selling liquor.

Faced with the loss of liquor licenses, the five topless clubs in Mobile may choose to move outside the city limits, become private clubs or have the dancers wear small bikini tops.

Club owners said after the meeting they were not sure what their next step would be. Some, however, had indicated before Tuesday that they might file suits against the city.

City Council Attorney Rick Stout told the council before the vote that he would not be surprised if the city was sued, but "I feel reasonably confident the ordinance can be successfully defended."

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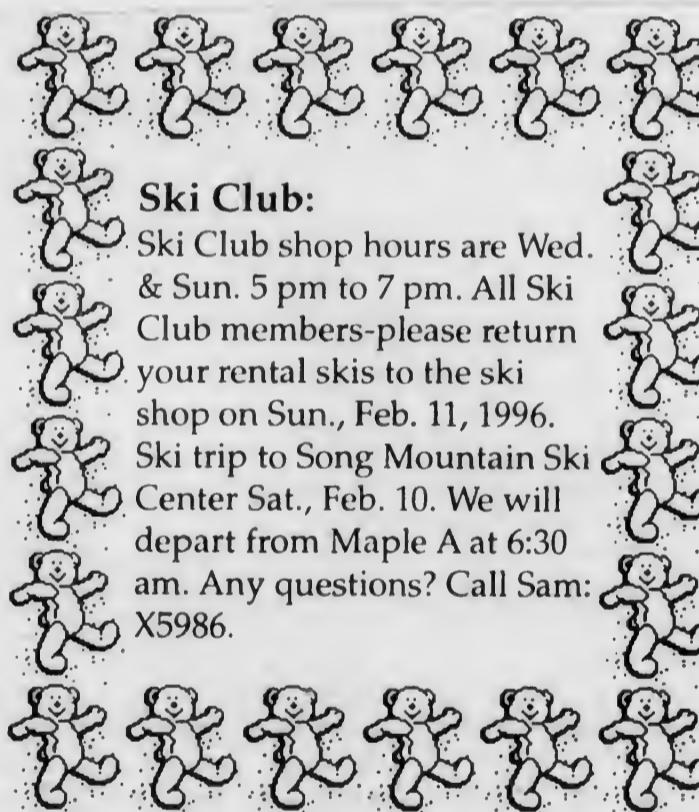
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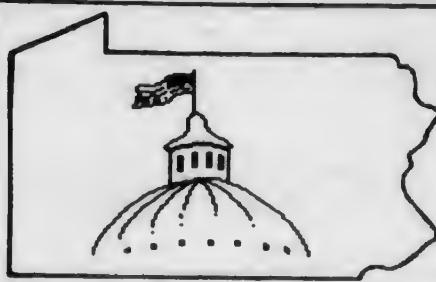
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Pennsylvania in the News

Trial set for director accused in Pitt. kickback scheme

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Joseph Moses used to make the news when workers in his department cleared roads of snow and ice.

Now he's noteworthy because he's going on trial.

Moses formerly led 700 employees and managed a \$33 million budget in the Allegheny County Maintenance Department.

But in April 1994, his fall from grace began. A federal investigation led to an indictment and eventually to Moses' trial today in U.S. District Court on charges of evading taxes and taking kickbacks.

Moses, 58, of Upper St. Clair, is being tried with former aide Catherine Jean Ronschke, 61, of Swissvale and longtime friend Edmond "Nick" Gaudelli of Pittsburgh.

Prosecutors allege Moses gave county business to Gaudelli, a cement contractor, in exchange for thousands of dollars in kickbacks routed through Ronschke. The government claims the kickbacks were not reported to the Internal Revenue Service.

Besides the conspiracy allegations, Ronschke was indicted on charges that she altered canceled checks from Gaudelli to Moses when she appeared before a fed-

eral grand jury in May 1994. Gaudelli is also charged with lying to a grand jury for testifying that he never gave Moses any money.

Between 1985 and 1993, Gaudelli's cement companies did about \$4.5 million in county business.

As head of the maintenance department, Moses was nicknamed "General Joe" and earned nearly \$2,700 a week. The federal grand jury probe into the alleged conspiracy came to light in April 1994.

The following February, Moses took ill, eventually filing a disability claim with the county for stress he says he suffered as a result of working at the crash site of USAir Flight 427.

Moses and Ronschke, a former deputy director in the maintenance department, were suspended without pay after they were indicted in April 1995.

Ronschke's retirement was approved last month; Moses could lose his job if he is convicted. Both could also lose their pensions.

If convicted, Moses faces up to 21 years in prison and \$1.6 million in fines; Ronschke up to 15 years in prison and \$500,000 in fines; and Gaudelli up to 10 years in jail and a \$500,000 fine.

Just how much is the PA budget

HARRISBURG (AP) — How does one comprehend the state's \$32 billion budget?

Instead of studying how the money is allocated for state schools, roads, social services and prisons, consider the cost of a Caribbean cruise for the state's 12 million residents — who could certainly use an escape from this winter's blizzards, floods and sub-zero temperatures.

Travel agent Cindy Prether at Holiday Tour and Travel in Lemoyne, Cumberland County, suggests this itinerary:

At \$1,340 per person for a week-long, luxury cruise to the islands of Aruba, Curacao and Tortola — flying from Harrisburg to a port in San Juan, Puerto Rico — the cost to send everyone in the state would be \$16 billion, or about half the budget total.

That tally includes an outside cabin, complete with lavish meals and cruise entertainment, Prether said.

Sun worshippers who want 18 sessions

at a tanning salon three months before the trip would pay \$100, said Chuck Bingman, owner of Sun Capsule of Camp Hill. Total for the whole state: \$1.2 billion.

Need a good mystery novel for the sun deck? At \$8 per John Grisham paperback, that would cost another \$96 million.

Don't forget spending money, Prether said. Side trips during docking, for snorkeling or island tours, cost at least \$125 per person for five cruise days — or \$1.5 billion. If each person receives about \$100 per day for souvenirs and the like, that would cost the state \$1.2 billion, Prether said.

No one could cruise without the essential bottle of tanning lotion. At \$4 a bottle, the 12 million Pennsylvanians would spend \$48 million.

Every good traveler is a good tipper. Set aside at least \$50 to tip waiters, bus boys and cabin stewards, Prether said.

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Gasoline tax increase considered by Ridge

HARRISBURG (AP) — Ridge administration officials and lawmakers are considering an increase in the gas tax as storm-damage assessments of thousands of miles of roads begin to roll in.

"I'm in the process of trying to figure out if I can hold the state highway system together considering what has happened to us," Transportation Secretary Bradley Mallory said Friday.

Damage estimates have reached \$500 million and could go higher, he said.

"At the end of the day there's going to be a shortfall, and we're going to have to figure out how to close the gap," said Mallory.

Last fall, Mallory failed to garner support for a gas tax hike from reluctant House lawmakers, all of whom face re-election this year. Mallory abandoned his efforts after Ridge said he would not pursue an increase.

Mallory now wants an increase in the 22.35-cent per gallon tax to be an option Gov. Tom Ridge and lawmakers consider as they prepare for a special session of the Legislature to address damage recovery costs.

House Transportation Committee Chairman Richard Geist, R-Altoona, said a 14- to 16-cent increase would be needed.

"That's how hard hit we are," he said. "But let's face it, that's never going to happen."

Geist said the money would cover damage costs and the summer road repairs maintenance budget. PennDOT officials said they would cut summer road repairs to pay for spending beyond the winter maintenance budget.

PennDOT has already spent \$111 million

of its \$130 million budget with two months of winter remaining, said agency spokesman Edward Myslewicz.

PennDOT engineers have already begun to warn that the spring thaw will lead to severe potholes as freezing temperatures and excessive water creep into road cracks, said Mallory.

"People are going to be stunned at what they see," said Mallory.

Myslewicz said the state's southwest, southeast, northeast and north central regions will likely suffer the worst pothole damage. In addition, there are miles of washed out road shoulders, wrecked guide rails and damaged signs.

Ridge will consider any option, including a gas tax increase, to cover damage costs, said Tim Reeves, the governor's spokesman.

Some lawmakers say Ridge may propose an increase during the special session. Democrats who argue an increase is unnecessary believe Ridge will try to pass the unpopular measure under the cover of an emergency.

"I don't see how he could resist it," said Tim Potts, spokesman for House Democratic Leader H. William DeWeese of Greene County.

Democratic leaders have said the state has money on hand to fund whatever road work is necessary. They cite the \$92 million surplus in the Motor License Fund as an example.

A poll by the Commonwealth Foundation, a conservative think tank, has showed most people would oppose an increase.



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Around the Nation

Man sentenced to ten months for seeking on-line sex

BALTIMORE (AP) — A government lawyer arrested for having sexually explicit computer conversations with someone he thought was a 13-year-old girl has been sentenced to 10 months in jail.

James F. Childress, 32, was the first person arrested under a 1994 federal law that prohibits crossing state lines to have sex with a minor. He was also among the first to be arrested as a result of an FBI nationwide crackdown on child pornography crimes.

The Commerce Department patent lawyer, who lives in Arlington, Va., was arrested in April after he arranged to meet his on-line pen pal at a Montgomery County mall.

But an FBI agent had posed as the 13-year-old girl and Childress was met at the

mall by a team of federal agents.

Childress' lawyer argued that years of depression and obsessive-compulsive disorders contributed to his client's actions.

During Monday's sentencing, U.S. District Judge Deborah K. Chasanow said she agreed with the conclusion that Childress had intended to pursue a sexual relationship with the teen-ager he thought he was messaging.

"Mr. Childress' phobias led him to seek out those he thought were safer," she said. It was "but a matter of time" before he took the relationships further, she said.

Chasanow also ordered Childress to pay a \$5,000 fine, continue psychiatric treatment and refrain from using any computer on-line services.

News summaries from around the world

ESQUIPULAS, Guatemala (AP) — As incense and flickering candles filled this rural community's basilica, hundreds of Indians prayed in their native languages for a message of peace and equality during Tuesday's papal visit. "We want him to end the violence, to bring us tranquility," said Manuel Zept, a 64-year-old lay minister from the tiny indigenous community of Nahuala, in the western department of Solola.

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — In a move likely to infuriate its Serb rivals, the Bosnian government has detained a Serb general and seven others as suspects in or witnesses to war crimes. Lt. Gen. Michael Walker, commander of ground troops in Bosnia, said he was informed Monday of the detentions. Bosnian Interior Minister Bakir Alispahic said his office has asked the International War Crimes Tribunal for former Yugoslavia to question the suspects on Tuesday.

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese officials appealed for help Tuesday as rescuers struggled to help survivors of Saturday's devastating earthquake weather hunger, cold and the risk of more damage and injury from hundreds of aftershocks. By Tuesday afternoon, 970 aftershocks had been recorded, but none were as strong as the magnitude 6 tremor that hit early Monday. Officials said they expected further shocks of magnitude 5 or 6. The mag-

nitude 7 quake on Saturday killed at least 246 people, injured more than 14,000 and left 260,000 without homes, officials said.

of "extraordinary inhumanity" in running the system.

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan (AP) — Two rebellious warlords who had marched on the Tajik capital appeared Tuesday to be honoring their agreement to disarm, but the government's talks with a broader opposition have stalled. The warlords agreed to end their insurgency in the Central Asian republic after President Emomali Rakhmonov, desperate to avoid a civil war, met their demands and fired three top officials on Sunday. Forces of the two warlords have until midday Wednesday to lay down their heavy weapons and return to their barracks. The Tajik government declared an amnesty for the rebels.

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Thailand will soon empty its jails of 25,000 prisoners granted their freedom in an historic pardon by King Bhumibol Adulyadej. The king has decided to commute the death sentences of an additional 125 convicts in the country's biggest amnesty ever, state-run Radio Thailand reported Tuesday. The royal pardon, which becomes effective Friday, will include an unspecified number of foreigners jailed for trying to smuggle drugs out of Thai-

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Internet providers troubled by provisions

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Some civil liberties groups and Internet service providers are concerned about a provision of the new federal communications reform bill that bans the dissemination of indecent material on the Internet.

An official with the American Civil Liberties Union said the measure could lead to federal censorship of the global network.

"It's an incredibly dangerous concept," said Marvin Johnson, director of the Wyoming chapter of the ACLU. "The Internet is worldwide and you're not going to be able to police this worldwide. It's going to create all sorts of nightmares."

Steve Mossbrook, the president of wyoming.com, an Internet service provider, said the provision could leave providers liable for activity that occurs on their services.

"If we know there is some unsavory content on one of our servers, if we see it or someone complains to us, and we fail to do something about it, we seem to have some liability," he said. "That's the inter-

pretation that's being floated on the (Internet)."

Because the measure will not be subject to Federal Communications Commission rulemaking until after it is signed, the provision is still "a very large, fuzzy area," Mossbrook said.

Robin Hurless, publisher of the Casper Star-Tribune, which owns the Internet provider trib.com, said he was also concerned about how broadly the provision might be interpreted.

Hurless said many providers already police themselves, pointing out that trib.com has an "acceptable use" policy that allows the Internet access for users to be revoked for unlawful or abusive conduct.

Mossbrook said he will pay attention to what other companies do in regards to the new provision.

"I'm going to keep in touch with what the big boys ... are doing," he said. "They have banks of very high-priced attorneys that are watching this closely and I will basically ape their behavior."

Russian government exonerates woman who knows she is innocent

CAMP HILL, Pa. (AP) — The doorbell rang at 7 a.m. while Helga Rist was in bed. Lying there, she knew who it was, even though the front door was open. It was the Russians, coming to take her away.

A Russian soldier demanded to see Helga. Four others stood at the front and back doors with bayonets. The soldier ordered her to get dressed, gather a blanket and sheet and go with him. They gave no reason.

On Oct. 14, 1947, after Germany's defeat in World War II, Helga was taken from her home in East Germany, and charged with spying. Helga spent the next eight years and two months in prisons and concentration camps throughout Germany, beaten, starved and interrogated. She and 26 classmates from her school were dragged before a war tribunal. Helga was condemned to 25 years in prison for spying, a charge she has denied all her life.

Forty-eight years after her arrest, Helga, 68, now a teacher living in Camp Hill, recently received a surprise by mail: A one-page notice from the Russian government exonerating her.

"Since all the sins committed by the Communists, the present Russian government is trying to reimburse somehow to reinstate the legitimate right of the people who have somehow been offended — certainly for political reasons," said Vladimir Derbenev, a spokesman for the Russian embassy in Washington, D.C.

To Helga, the notice is unwarranted — she knows she is innocent and unwanted. "It isn't worth the money for the paper," she said.

Only a few people know Helga Rist's story. A short, quiet woman, Helga taught German for 33 years in the Lower Dauphin School District before resigning recently. She will soon teach German at Harrisburg Area Community College and Wilson College.

She has preserved her story in a journal she wrote soon after she was freed. Pressed among the pages of the brown-covered book is a letter she wrote in her own blood and smuggled from prison.

"A lot of people say, 'You don't have to talk about it if it hurts you,'" Helga said. "I don't mind. It's so far back it doesn't bother me to talk about it."

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Electronic ERs need to be questioned

As the *Flashlight* reported last week, Mansfield University is finally making it convenient for students to get an updated copy of their evaluation record. By using the networked computers, students will be able to access ER's by April. This move was announced last week by Provost George Mullen at a meeting of the Advisory Resource Group. While we applaud this move, there are a few concerns that should be addressed.

Probably the most distressing part of this change is that students would be charged for a printout of their ER. Although it would most likely be only a nominal fee, students would be charged for a print out on paper that they paid for. This fee would be put directly on students' bills.

Security on the network might also become a problem. A student's evaluation record is not something for the entire campus to look at. Dr. Mullen suggested either using social security numbers or some other kind of code. Many people on campus have access to a student's social security number and some other number would just be forgotten. For these reasons, this security would not work well. It would make more sense to allow students to choose their own passwords. That option was available on the old E-mail system and seemed to work well.

Access to computers is already a problem with a finite number of computers and a seemingly infinite number of people wanting to use them. Added to this is the fact that the system has an annoying habit of crashing unexpectedly. What happens when a student needs his or her ER and can't get to it before registration starts? Although the school is planning to buy two new servers, this situation is unlikely to change until the university decides to spend thousands of dollars to upgrade the machines on campus and buy more of them.

The faculty is also upset about the recent unavailability of ER's for students. As of last semester, the records office is no longer giving out copies of ER's to students. Advisors were given the responsibility of keeping up the ER's. Advisors prefer that students have the ER's in hand when they make appointments to schedule each semester so that students can be aware of what classes they are expected to take in order to graduate.

While the electronic ER system sounds like an excellent plan, the implementation of the system should be carefully thought out, so as to be fair to students and advisors and make this new system run as well as it can.

Letters to the editor policy

The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

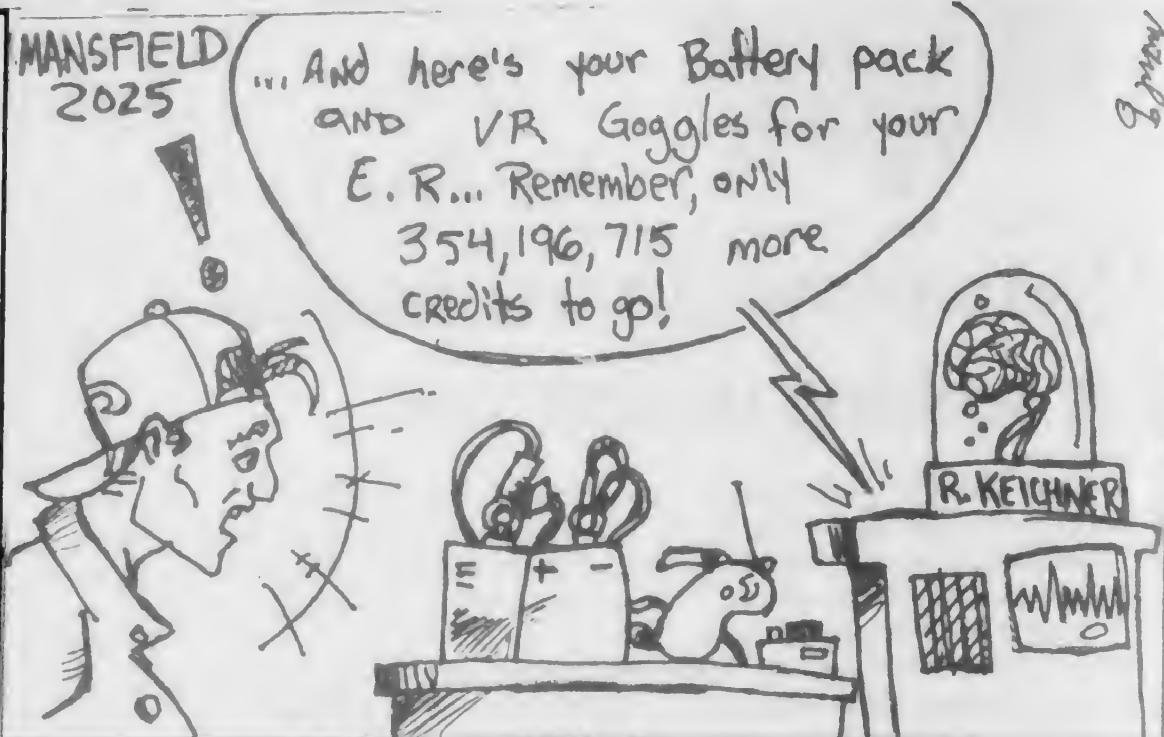
We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

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Opinions



To some, graffiti an art form

To the editor,

This letter is in contest to remarks made by Mr. Shaw last week in the *Flashlight*, regarding graffiti. The Martin Luther King Jr. Conference was the perfect place in my opinion for presenting graffiti as an art form of a Black sub-culture.

Contrary to Mr. Shaw's comments, graffiti is a form of art to many people, especially to the urban sub-culture. There were different forms of this medium that were discussed in the video presentation. All of these mediums have different purposes, many of which are positive contributions to the communities which they are in. Obviously, this message was not clearly received by all who were present at this function.

Last week Mr. Shaw

stated, "Graffiti is not an acceptable form of art in our culture." The way that I understand this comment is that if graffiti isn't acceptable in his culture, it should not exist as an art form anywhere else.

The idea that I get from this statement is that Mr. Shaw incorporates all cultures underneath his own. I am sure he did not ask all of the cultures in America what they thought about this subject. So that "our" must refer to the mainstream eurocentric viewpoint of what is and is not art.

This conference was hosted by the university in the hopes that the people of this college environment would come together to understand, educate, and accept each other. This is the reason that the conference was named after Dr. King. This was part of the dream that he died for.

One person came out

last week to present a form of art that was a part of the Philadelphia African-American subculture. This was presented for people outside the culture to see and understand differences in art that appear cross culturally. It was not presented for people with ethnocentric views to condemn it as "gang related", "disgraceful", or "disrespectable."

I agree with Mr. Shaw in saying we should "hold ourselves to a higher standard." It should be a standard that encourages students of life to be diverse, not intolerant.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Newton

Street artists should be tolerated

Editor, *Flashlight*:

Mr. Paul R. Shaw's letter in the Feb. 2 issue raises the interesting topic of the attention we should or should not give to "art" (or media of self-expression) which we find pernicious, or just ugly. These kinds of materials are sure to cause conflicting feelings, as we can see by the latest congressional debates about violent, hateful, or pornographic messages on the Internet. In the recent past, much anger was directed at Performance Art as used by actors such as Karen Finley to depict women as stereotypically identified with blood and danger. Sculpture using religious icons immersed in human urine, and Neo-Nazi music which uses sophisticated mixes of popular rock and jazz rhythms to convey anti-Semitic messages, are other examples of

forms of expression thought dangerous to society. There is good reason why such materials, and anti police graffiti, need to be discussed, and discussed objectively (instead of being simply dismissed as harmful or "hate speech"). Artists must communicate on their own terms; the messages are powerful, or they would not be aggravating. We do not want to kill the messenger, and ignore his/her possibly valid insight. There is also good reason to at least debate whether or not expression, which we feel is ugly or insulting, can be "art." The reason is that forms of emotional expression can be both extremely negative and aggravating, and also have powerful effects. Satire, for example, works by aggravating people enough to look into themselves, and see how their own thoughts and

behavior have hurt others. Finally, some kinds of art, music or literature which were considered "vulgar" or "degenerate" in the past are now considered indispensable: Rabelais' stories, Jazz music, Alan Ginsberg's poems, James Joyce's novels, detective films of the 1940s, and even many comic strips. All of these examples were thought to be more criminal than legitimate when they first appeared. This suggests the truth of the notion that, in some form, all art is subversive. This of course, does not mean that all that is subversive is art. It does mean that there is much to tolerate, and therefore understand (and respond to carefully) in everyone's means of expressing themselves.

Jay A. Gertzman
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Commentary

Snowmobiling overrated as a safe sport



Dave Barry

Skiing is an exciting winter sport but it is not for everybody. For example, it is not for sane people. Sane people look at skiing and they say: Wait a minute. I'm supposed to attach slippery objects to my feet and get on a frozen chair dangling from a scary-looking wire; then get dumped off on a snow-covered slope so steep that the mountain goats are wearing seat belts; and then, if by some miracle I am able to get back down without killing myself, I'm supposed to do this AGAIN?"

As I get older — which I am currently doing at the rate of about 5 years per year — this is more and more how I view skiing. I've been looking for an alternative winter sport that does not force a person to become so intimately involved with gravity. And so recently I went to Idaho (official state motto: "Convenient to Montana") to experience two winter sports that seemed better suited to the mature sportsperson in the

sense that you can do them while sitting down. In an effort to make my trip as tax-deductible as humanly possible, I've decided to write a two-part series about these sports. This week's Featured Winter Sport is: snowmobiling.

A snowmobile is a high-performance motorized vehicle mounted on a track and skis that enable it to travel rapidly deep into remote, snow-covered wilderness areas, where it gets stuck. Of course I didn't know this when I rented one. I knew nothing, which is why I also rented snowmobiles for my 15-year-old son, Rob, and his 14-year-old friend Ryan. It was going to be a fun thing for us three guys to do together; that is what I was saying to myself as I signed the legal release form ("...the undersigned further agrees that he has not actually read this form and just wants to get on the snowmobile already and would in fact cheerfully sign anything placed in front of him including a document granting us the right to keep both his ears as souvenirs").

We rented our snowmobiles at a place called Smiley Creek Lodge, which is in a place called Smiley Creek, which pretty much consists of the Smiley Creek Lodge. We also rented helmets and jumpsuits so that we would look as much as possible like the Invasion of the Dork Tourists From Space. A very nice man showed us how to make the snowmobiles go. He seemed extremely calm, considering that he was turning three powerful and expensive machines over to two adolescent boys and a humor columnist. I thought he'd give us detailed

instructions regarding where we should go, but basically all he said was that we should make an effort to remain in Idaho.

This did not prove to be so easy; not with Rob and Ryan at the controls. They are wonderful and intelligent boys, but they have the common sense of table salt. It's not their fault: Their brains have not yet developed the Fear Lobe. If you give them control over a motorized vehicle, they are going to go at the fastest possible speed, which on a modern snowmobile turns out to be 14,000 mph. They were leaving trails of flaming snow behind them. I tried to exercise Adult Supervision by yelling, "HEY! GUYS! BE CAREFUL! HEY!" but they couldn't hear me, because sound travels only so fast.

So off we went, into the snow-covered wilds of Idaho, with the two Flaming No Judgment Blurs roaring ahead, followed at an increasing distance by the Rapidly Aging Shouting Man. We would have been inside the Arctic Circle by nightfall if Ryan had not driven into the creek. It was not his fault. He didn't see the creek. Some idiot had failed to put up a freeway-style sign with 15-foot-high letters saying "CREEK," and so Ryan naturally drove into it.

Since your modern snowmobile weighs as much as a freight locomotive, we were unable to pull Ryan's out, so he got on the back of mine and we all rode sheepishly back to the Smiley Creek Lodge. There we learned that another tourist party was also having problems: A man had gotten himself and his son stuck in deep snow, and they couldn't

get out. The man's wife, who had not been wild about the snowmobiling idea in the first place, was informing the lodge personnel that she wanted her son back, but as far as she was concerned, they could leave her husband out there. (She was kidding... sort of).

While this drama was unfolding, another group of tourists returned and announced that they, too, had planted a snowmobile somewhere out in Idaho.

None of this bothered the nice snowmobile-rental man. He calmly called in some local Idaho men — soft-spoken, strong, competent-looking men; the kind of men who never get their snowmobiles stuck and could probably survive for weeks in the wilderness by eating pine cones. They went out and rescued the father and son, and then they went and pulled out all of the stuck snowmobiles. I realized that this was routine for them; on any given winter day, probably two-thirds of the Idaho population is busy pulling tourist-abandoned snowmobiles out of creeks, snow-banks, trees, mine shafts, condominiums, etc.

So it all ended well, and the boys thought snowmobiling was the coolest thing we could have done short of blowing up a building. I, on the other hand, was looking for a more restful mode of snow transportation, and I'm pleased to report that I found one: it requires no gasoline; it goes at a nice safe speed; and it doesn't get stuck. On the other hand, it's still an amazing amount of weewee.

NEXT WEEK: Dogsledding.

Clinton leans towards right amidst budget confusion

Donald M Rothberg (AP)

It's all a matter of definition, says President Clinton. Accused of tilting to the right at the start of this political year, he counters: "I'm still to the left of Attila the Hun."

Just a joke, of course.

But Clinton, who is in a bitter dispute with Republicans over the federal budget, clearly would rather have people laughing about him being too far to the right than to the left.

In his State of the Union address, the president took a rightward step by declaring, "The era of big government is over." That line prompted the new conservative journal "The Standard," to trumpet on its cover, "We Win."

Clinton's words are an exercise in political positioning in an election year when voters appear hostile to the values of Democrats like Lyndon B. Johnson and Hubert Humphrey — both apostles of big government and believers that Washington was the place to find solutions to national problems.

Now comes Clinton's next budget, or at least a peek at it. The document he's sending to Congress is far short of the usual fat volume of tables spelling out in mind-numbing detail the presidential requests for government departments and agencies.

The administration is meeting the minimal requirements with a 15 to 20 page document that is little more than a broad outline of Clinton's spending recommendations. The actual budget with line-by-line spending proposals will

not be ready until March 18.

Budgets are difficult enough for the average taxpayer to understand with page after page of column after column of numbers that finally add up to more than a trillion and a half dollars in spending.

To make matters even more confusing, this budget is not the one Clinton and congressional Republicans have been arguing about. That debate which shut the government down twice was over the fiscal 1996 budget. The government already is well into its 1996 fiscal year and Clinton is now submitting his budget for fiscal 1997 which starts next October.

Even so, budgets send a message.

There's a solidity about numbers, a mystique that makes people believe that "figures don't lie," even when the debate suggests the flip side of that equation: "But liars figure."

In the budget battle between the president and Congress, each side questions the numbers and the priorities used by the other.

A lot of the rhetoric on both sides is typical election-year maneuvering when the country has a president of one party and a Congress of the other.

President Reagan had a divided Congress — a Republican Senate and Democratic House — when he was gearing up for his re-election run in 1984.

Reagan sent Congress a budget that called for a \$180 billion deficit and said, "The deficits projected for fiscal 1986 and beyond are totally unacceptable to me."

Something had to be done, he

said. But not until after the 1984 election. Reagan won a landslide re-election and the deficits continued unabated.

When George Bush offered an election-year budget eight years later, the economy was in trouble and so was the president. He came up with a package of tax breaks and business incentives that were immediately criticized as far short of what was needed.

Bush never regained public confidence in his handling of the economy and voters turned to Democrat Clinton in November of 1992.

When a hostile Congress received budgets from Reagan and Bush, they quickly were declared dead on arrival. The grand blueprints from the White House were thrown out and the battle was fought incrementally over

congressional budget resolutions and appropriations bills.

The difference in the current budget debate is that the Republican congressional leadership, driven by a determined freshman class, is making it harder to ignore targets set in the congressional budget resolution.

There's a lot of talk about letting the 1996 election decide the budget debate. Let the voters speak and thereby set priorities for the politicians.

But elections don't tend to decide issues that clearly. In January 1997, no matter who takes office on Capitol Hill and in the White House, it's a good bet the budget debate will go on as before. EDITORS NOTE: Donald M. Rothberg has covered domestic and foreign affairs in Washington since 1966.

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Unmentionables

Magical MUDonia and the Mysterious Odd-it

by Ian Kaiser
staff dilemma

And the semester rolls merrily along, chugging like a happy choo-choo train, passing through valleys of smiling students, jolly administrators, and contented professors. What a shiny, candy-lovely world of blissful academia we inhabit. Unspoiled by tension, unreasonable deadlines, stress, and controversy, we are able to dedicate ourselves to teaching and/or learning with never a troubled thought. Aren't we lucky?

I made a journey from my regular domicile in the enchanted forest of Grant, where those dedicated to the pursuits of the sciences frolic all day long in the labs and classrooms, joyfully leaping from the pursuits of extracting exotic chemicals such as thiometholcyanonitrobenzonate to playing marathon rounds of solitaire. I passed by the old haunted North mansion, now in the process of being renovated and exorcised, traversed the Student Plains, and entered the forbidding Southlands.

The Southlands are home to all manner of mysterious denizens secluded in their caves, who emerge only at the midday hour to hunt for their daily meal. At this time of day, the entire Southland goes from being a bustling center of activity to a deserted wasteland. But in the largest cave of all there lives a species of wise and wondrous beings, the Record Keepers. These were the ones I came to see.

I entered into their roomy home, and saw the wise ones seated there, contemplating. I began to wonder what could be of such importance to minds like these, and asked them as much.

"There is a new force in our land, child," one stated. "We are puzzling over the ramifications of its presence."

"What is this thing?" I enquired.

"It is called Aka Demik Odd-it."

"What a curious name. Does it have anything to do with the IRS?"

"Not audit. Odd-it. It is called this because there are many things about this power that we find rather odd."

"Tell me more, oh wise one."

"Well, it claims it will make our jobs easier, by keeping a record of all the acts of academic heroism and defeat committed by each student."

"Is this so odd? I should imagine you would be overjoyed that this Odd-It will make your lives so much easier."

"Sadly, child, we do not believe that the Odd-it can do as much as it claims. What is more, it says that the job will be so difficult it must pass the next two moons in deep contemplation of our Gened system."

"Gened? What, pray tell, is this?"

"It is a complex doctrine of rules that the ruling powers of MUDonia established many years ago. It is intended to be so complicated that the students and professors alike cannot even hope to understand it. We think it was an attempt to control the masses and to keep them in our land for as long as humanly possible. The ancients decided that if the students could not figure out the system, they would continue to pay their taxes and fees to the land for as long as possible."

"Then why do we not change these complicated laws?"

"Many have tried. Even Lord Nellum has proposed a simplification of the Gened, but so far his attempts have been thwarted. Meanwhile, while the Odd-it meditates on this convoluted system, we are not allowed to continue our tasks as we have been doing them for years."

"Why is this?"

"The powerful ruling class of MUDonia are convinced of the power of

the Odd-it. They feel that we can save time and expenses by halting the reports of the students deeds, even though the Odd-it is not yet prepared. Lord Nellum's faith complete, and even though he has little knowledge of how the Odd-it will actually fare in its duties, he is sure that it will make life easier for the whole population of MUDonia."

"Mayhaps it will."

"We well and truly think that the Odd-it will one day become a wondrous addition to our lives, but as of today it is still young. And we know others of its species. They are called Proh Gramms. They do impressive work, but the most powerful among them require much space in which to work. They also need trained servants to keep their homes in order. As of now, we just do not have the resources with which to house such an being. And sadly, there are few MUDonian architects that know anything about Proh Gramms. Lord Nellum promises that we will soon provide the Odd-it with all its needs, and that people all over MUDonia will be able to consult it at all times. These promises do not lessen our concerns."

"Is Lord Nellum not leaving shortly after the Odd-it arrives? Who will care for it then?"

"He will leave in the summer months. No one is as committed to the Odd-it as he, and we do not know what will happen when he departs."

"Well, is there something I can do to aid you in your efforts?"

"Aside from unseating the ruling class of MUDonia and giving us free reign to run things as we wish? Yes, there is something..."

"If it is within my power, I will do it."

"We, the sacred Record Keepers of MUDonia, charge you with the task of informing the masses about the Odd-it. Perchance the ruling class will pay more attention to the effects of their actions if the students and professors are

better informed."

"But I do not know the truth."
"Do not worry about this. No one knows enough about this matter to know if you are lying."
"Very well, I will do my best."
"Thank you, child. Just let us know if we can do anything for you."
"Well, my whole reason for coming over here was to get a copy of my ER..."
"Anything else? Would you like to register really early?"
"Thanks anyway. I think I'll wait for the course guides."
"Very well. Come back if you need any transcripts."

And so ended my discourse with the mystical Record Keepers. I hurried to the Hall of Memories, in order to inform the populace of the impending Odd-it invasion. Hopefully the ruling class would heed the Record Keepers' message, and realize that Proh Gramms can be useful, but will not solve all our problems.

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Chris McGann
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National Lampoon Presents True Facts: The Big Book Compiled by John Bendel & Jason Ward
Contemporary Books, 1995
Humor/\$12.95

Now that I finally got off of the lake at Smythe Park, I have the chance to write something for these pages. This is also a book review (What else is it?), but don't panic, this is not an actual reading book. This book does not even have a plot, it's more of a picture book, kind of like the *Joy of Sex* but not as graphic.

For this Christmas holiday, I acquired a copy of *National Lampoon's True Facts: The Big Book* which is a compilation of funny signs, headlines, and other funny pictures. Imagine opening your paper and seeing an announcement for the Bunn-Grabs marriage or walking down the street and seeing a sign that says "Sorry, we're open," or graffiti that says "I love you sweetheart." It's all in this book.

National Lampoon gets all of their pictures from submissions sent in by readers. If anybody out there has a picture of the My Dung Beauty Salon in Toronto, there is an address to send it to. There's no money involved but you get your name in print.

Most of the signs are humorous and many are obvious where they came from. There is a picture of the Blue Ball Machine Works from Lancaster County, Pa. (Pronounced with an accent on the second syllable). Oddly enough, there are no pictures from Intercourse, Bird in Hand, or Paradise, Pa..

Many of the pictures seem to be unintentional innuendos that nobody caught, strange names that people have, or misspellings that turn out funny.

There is one chapter called "Tales from the Crypt" which contains a picture that shows a "live bait" sign pointing towards a cemetery.

Most of the pictures are too racy for a family newspaper (whatever that is) and this is definitely not a book for the children. One of the less racy headlines reads, "stripper resents exposure."

The editors of the book open with a description of what a true fact is. They do claim that some of the pictures are premeditated gags but most of the facts in this book are unintentional.

This book reminds me a lot of *The Big Book of Urban Legends*. All of these facts are supposedly true. I can personally vouch for at least one of the pictures. The book has a picture of a place called Meat Land. In case you are wondering, there is an actual place on the Delmarva peninsula called Meat Land. Incidentally, Fruit World is right

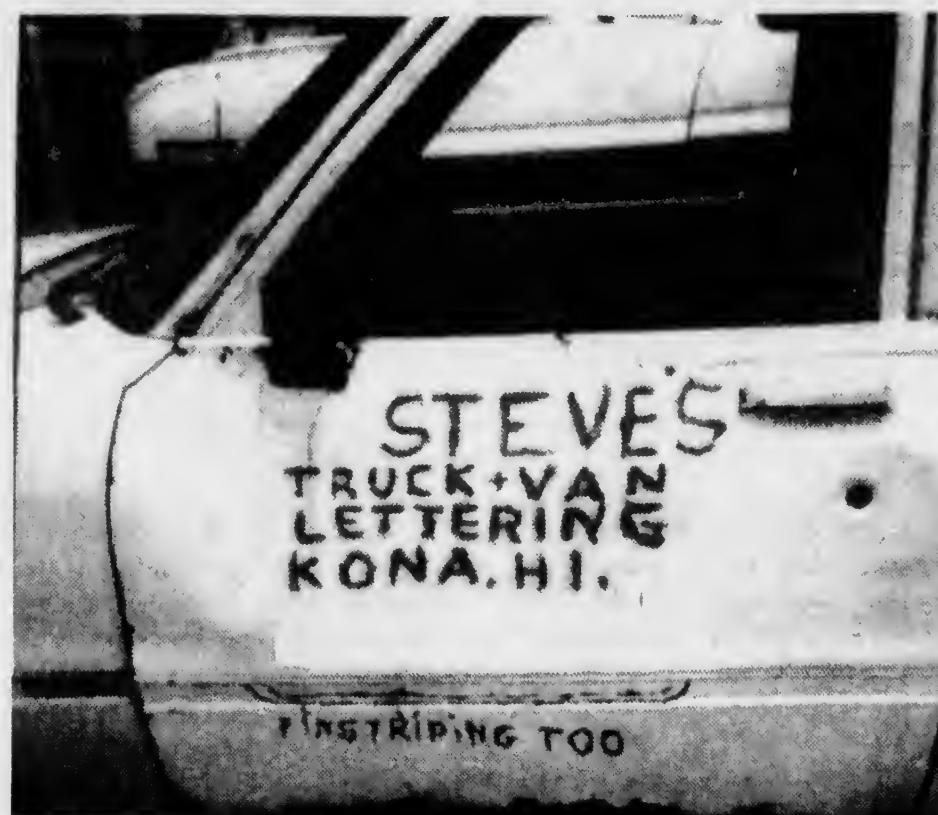


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National Lampoon's Big Book of True Facts is a compendium of various snapshots and newspaper clippings that leaves one wondering, "What the hell were they thinking?"

beside it.

This would have to be among the classics of literature, ranking somewhere between *Naked Lunch* and *Brave New World*. The book has everything, sexual innuendos, stupid signs, political jokes, an old man laying in the grass, and a plethora of irony. My personal favorite has to be a picture of some guy pos-

ing for a natural gas advertisement. The ad has a quote saying "I'm happy! I've got gas!" This probably stems from a little problem I had with the gas stove in my apartment on Thursday.

This piece of American Humor is available for \$12.95 (that's for the book, not my gas leak). Besides where else can you see God on the throne?

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Blade Runner 2 book, decent sequel

by Mike Wood
staff Kosher Dill

"Blade Runner 2: The Edge of Human"
K.W. Jeter

Bantam Books, New York, 1995
Science Fiction/\$21.95

Sparky said to mention right off that this is a book review so, here goes: THIS IS A BOOK REVIEW. Yes, books. Remember those? Square things filled with pages and letters and stuff that you have to read in order to understand. Those things that take anywhere from a week (as is the case with romance novels and Star Trek books) to a few months (as is the case with anything by Stephen King with the word "unabridged" on the cover) to finish and, sometimes, teaches you something about the world or yourself.

So, it's only proper that I mention that the film this novel is based on was originally based on a novel. So it kind of all comes full circle. The first novel was called "Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep" and it was written by Phillip K. Dick (read it, if you can get a copy); the film was entitled "Bladerunner" (starring Harrison Ford and Rutger Hauer), and this new novel is called "Bladerunner 2: The Edge of Human". Notice that it is called "Bladerunner 2" and not "Do Androids Still Dream of Electric sheep" or something like that. That's because it's a sequel to the movie more than it is to the original novel. And there are many, many differences between the two.

The basic plot of B2 is this: Rick Deckard (Harrison Ford's character in the movie), a retired Bladerunner (a cop trained to kill off artificial humans

called replicants) is discovered hidden away in the mountains with his lover Rachel (who may or may not be a replicant). Rachel has been put in stasis awaiting a cure for a five year life-span that all replicants have. It seems that there is still another replicant running around that needs to be "retired". An old police video shows Deckard's old boss explaining to him about the escape of six replicants from a mining colony. He mentions how one was killed, and four others were still on the loose.

Now, simple math: 6-1=4?

In the film, Deckard kills off the other four but there isn't any mention of the missing replicant.

This was a mistake in the film, and Jeter uses it well to establish a decent starting point for a novel that has more twists than the interior of the large intestine (how's that for a simile?). It seems that Pris (Darryl Hannah in the movie), a replicant that Deckard killed, who was really a human replicant wanna be, Roy Batty (the bad boy replicant that looks like Sting played by Rutger Hauer) is alive, and Deckard himself may be the missing replicant.

The book itself is quite good. It's not at all predictable, which surprised me, and it moves along quite quickly. Jeter is a rather good writer who never falls into the "techno-babble syndrome" that many sci-fi writers do. It's actually more of a detective novel than a sci-fi one. The book gets continuously more and more confusing as it goes along, but it's a good head-trippy kind of confusing. It's available in hardcover at most bookstores.

So, if you enjoyed the film Bladerunner, and if you enjoy well written Science fiction (there is such a thing), check out this book. I liked it.

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The Flashlight

Judson leads the Mounties on the court

by Darren A. Meehan
sports reporter

In his third season as a mountaineer on the basketball team, Louis Judson is the living example of contradictions. A shooting guard averaging about 16 1/2 points per game, Judson appears quiet and reserved despite his talent. In fact, he seems almost nervous when asked about his statistics. Statistics which, according to head coach Tom Ackerman, have been dependable all season.

"Lou has become one of our most consistent players. We need consistency and he delivers. One of the good parts about coaching is having a player who you can put into a game and know what he is going to give the team. We can depend on him for low turnovers and a consistent shooting percentage."

"He is also a very vocal player and a very gifted, natural athlete. He is good at golf, darts, pretty much anything he comes across. He has the ability to come by things naturally."

Most important for Ackerman is Judson's personality, "I like to coach

people I enjoy being around."

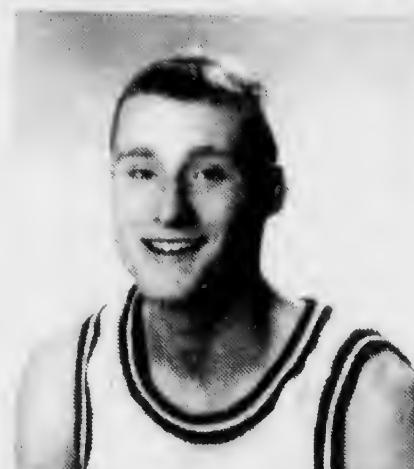
For Judson, a good coach hasn't always been a luxury. He started playing basketball in fifth grade, when he learned by teaching himself. His attitude about improving is yet another contradiction. In a sport where teammates and teamwork are vital, Judson has a loner-type attitude.

"Basketball is competitive, but you can improve by yourself. You don't need anyone else. But, as a team, we are building. People thought we would roll over and die, but we haven't. Right now we're nine and 11, but we're building."

Also vital for any successful team, Judson credits the friendship he has with his teammates.

"We're all really close. When we go out to a party or something, we pretty much wind up hanging out with each other; not because we have to, but because we want to. Friendship is just one of the things I have learned from playing basketball. It has also reinforced my belief that dedication pays off and responsibility is the key to anyone's success."

Of course, if any team hopes to achieve real success, Judson adds they also need good coaching—like



MU basketball player Louis Judson

Ackerman.

"He is a good motivator for most of the team and he knows a lot about basketball. He's also a good recruiter." Judson adds, "Our relationship has gotten better since I originally joined the team. In the beginning, I was very shy. I imagine it is hard coaching someone like that, but now that I know him and he knows me, we have a pretty good relationship."

"I chose Mansfield because it is close to home. I have the luxury of being close enough so that my family and friends can come and see me and I can also go home when I want to."

When Judson received a scholarship and came here three years ago from Troy, his team finished with a 21-7 record. This impressive record bolstered any doubts he might of had about playing college basketball, but guidance also came from other areas of the Mansfield team from three years ago. In the time he has been here, Judson recalls many people, both teammates and opponents who have made a difference in his career. Kenny May, Steve Renzi and Jim Hutter all pushed him to be better; but he also remembers opponents like Antoine Hubbard from Salisbury, Md.

"I remember Antoine especially because it was the first round of states, and he had 40 points on me; he was really good."

As a junior this year, Judson is majoring in Elementary Education for Disabled Children. He hopes someday to be in Charlotte collaborating with another teacher. For now, Lou Judson spends his winter shooting hoops and his summers on the fairway.

"Attendance for our games has gone up. Student participation has gone up, but we need more."

The next home game for the Mounties will be Valentine's Day.

Bad luck

by Joe Wagner
sports reporter

The Mountaineer men's basketball team had bad luck continued as they dropped their last two games to go to 9-12 overall on the season. They are 0-7 in PSAC play.

Last Wednesday the Mountaineers traveled to Westchester University to play the Golden Rams. The Mounties lost 104-74 to the 12-7 Golden Rams. Mansfield did not play at full strength.

continues for Mountie men

Bryan Zardezed suffered from a bacterial infection and Tyrone Fisher played with an eye injury. Rick Shaw has played with a scratched eye since the beginning of the season. John Sowell played well, but he too was sick.

"His (Sowell's) sickness was not a major factor in the game," said Head Coach Ackerman. "We did not play well. We attempted to play a zone because of numbers..."

The Mountaineers were at a disadvantage because of the fewer players that they could substitute and put on the

floor.

The Mounties trailed throughout the entire game. They posed no threat to the Golden Rams that dominated the scoring in both the first and second halves.

"We just allowed Westchester to gain momentum," said Coach Ackerman.

John Sowell, despite being sick, was the high scorer for Mansfield. He put 24 points on the scoreboard. Louis Judson contributed 23 points, hitting three 3-point field goals. Tyrone

Mansfield went to East Stroudsburg on Wednesday the 7th. Mansfield's loss of 86-73 to the 12-10 Warriors was their 8th consecutive.

Although the Mounties lost, Coach Ackerman believed the game to be a stepping stone to more wins later in the season.

"I was pretty pleased. Everybody played hard. Everybody played well." Coach Ackerman went on, "If it weren't for two stretches that we had difficulty scoring we would have been right in there at the end."

Louis Judson led the Mounties in scoring with 18 points. John Sowell had 17 points. Both Rick Shaw and Tyrone Fisher contributed 13 points.

The Mountaineers travel to Pitt-Johnstown to play their next game.

"It's impossible for the players to understand when they don't see a win on the board, but if they can play with the same intensity, we will win a couple more games in this last part of the season." Coach Ackerman seemed positive. "We need to just keep playing hard, that's all we can do."

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B. Jones	21-7	84-240	35.0	45-146	30.8	30-39	76.9	12	41	53	2.5	243	11.6
R. Shaw	21-20	88-201	43.8	0-1	0.0	57-79	72.2	57	100	157	7.5	233	11.1
L. Judson	21-17	108-231	46.8	46-104	44.2	72-87	82.8	19	57	73	3.6	334	15.9
S. Shannon	21-16	53-108	49.1	0-3	0.0	15-20	75.0	35	71	106	5.0	121	5.8
J. Sowell	21-21	92-194	47.4	1-6	16.7	65-90	72.2	44	55	99	4.7	250	11.9
C. Smith	8-7	40-98	40.8	12-37	32.4	14-21	66.7	5	9	14	1.8	106	13.3
T. Fisher	21-13	77-193	39.9	16-52	30.8	54-68	79.4	35	52	87	4.1	224	10.7
B. Zardezed	20-2	8-23	34.8	0-0	0.0	8-12	66.7	19	22	41	2.0	24	1.2
C.J. Palmer	21-2	22-62	35.5	1-13	7.7	5-13	38.5	13	25	38	1.8	50	2.4
J.J. Smithson	5-0	2-8	25.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	4	9	13	2.6	4	0.8

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Sowell named Rookie of Week

special to the Flashlight

Former Wilkes-Barre Coughlin High School standout John Sowell has been named the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Eastern Division Rookie of the Week for his outstanding performance in games played the week ending 2/2/96.

Sowell, a 6-5 forward, averaged 20.0 points and 4.5 rebounds in the Mountaineers two games. In addition, he hit 15 of 24 attempts from the field (62.5%) while dishing out three assists

along with three blocks and steals.

It marks the second time this season that Sowell has been so honored.

Sowell has been the Mounties most effective scorer over the past seven games, averaging 16.7 points and 6.7 rebounds over that span. For the season, Sowell is averaging 11.6 points per game, third best on the team along with 4.8 rebounds.

A starter in all 20 games, Sowell ranks second on the team in blocks (14) and shooting percentage (47.2).



John Sowell

Women basketball lose two game road trip

by Jason Bricker
asst. sports editor

On Wednesday February 3, The Mansfield women's basketball team finished up a short two game road trip at East Stroudsburg. Things went poorly for Mansfield as they fell to the Warriors by a final score of 76-53.

Becky Dutko led Mansfield in scoring with 19 points, Michele Jeffrey also chipped in 12 points.

The loss drops the mountain-

ers to 4-16 overall, and 1-7 in the PSAC East.

On February 3, the Mountaineers took on the Lady Rams of West Chester. The Lady Rams brought an overall record of 10-8 into the game and a 5-2 record in the PSAC East.

Last time the two teams meet West Chester just scraped out an eight point win. Michele Jeffrey led Mansfield in the previous meeting with 14 points and 15 rebounds.

This game didn't prove to be as close as the last one with West Chester

rolling over Mansfield 67-43. The game was out of reach by halftime with West Chester well ahead 32-19.

Jeffrey once again led Mansfield in scoring with seven points, and pulled down 16 rebounds. Dutko also had seven points.

Since MU beat Cheney back on the 20th of January they have dropped five straight. February 14, the mountaineers return home for their last two home games of the year. They kick the home stand off with Bloomsburg University at 6:pm in Decker Gymnasium.

Magic's marketability limited in the NBA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Magic Johnson has always been among the most popular superstars, but the stigma of the AIDS virus made him an advertising outcast. As he returns to the Lakers four years later, have times changed?

Spalding Sports Worldwide, which has had Johnson under contract since 1980, stopped selling inexpensive rubber basketballs with his name a year after he retired.

It's considering making a \$100-plus Johnson commemorative ball, like those from All-Star Games, said John Doleva, Spalding's managing director for leisure products. A decision will wait until after Super Show, the sporting goods industry's biggest trade show, in Atlanta this weekend.

And watch for Johnson's gleeful smile and amiable patter to pop up in ads promoting his own line of bargain-priced sports shoes and apparel from

MVP Sports. MVP, of which Johnson is part owner, will preview them Sunday at Super Show.

Roberto Muller, a former Reebok International president whose marketing firm is working for MVP, insists there's no connection between Johnson's return and the new products. A comeback was never mentioned when work on the product launch began half a year ago, he said.

"One of the things you can absolutely count on is his honesty and credibility," Muller said Tuesday, hours before Johnson was to put on his Lakers uniform to play the Golden State Warriors.

Given the tremendous goodwill in Los Angeles among fans who remember the Lakers' "Showtime" glory days, regional advertisers might find a Johnson tie-in to be, well, magic, marketing executives say.

But regional ads, "tools of the trade" ads for basketballs and self-promotion are quite different from major campaigns for mainline companies.

And while Johnson's agent, Lon Rosen, says some such offers are still coming in — he says Kodak wants to use Johnson in ads tied to the Olympics — most experts are skeptical about the prospects.

"All except the most aggressive advertisers will stay away," says Marty Blackman at New York's Blackman & Raber, longtime consultants to advertising agencies and corporations on sports personalities. "And certainly with the season so late we're not talking about anything soon."

When Michael Jordan returned to the National Basketball Association, he was as good as before, Blackman notes. But at age 36, 27 pounds over his old playing weight, and switching from guard to power forward, there are huge questions remaining about Johnson's abilities.

Mountie grapplers try to get back on top

by Amber Lakits
sports reporter

The Mansfield University wrestling team dropped a disappointing loss 49-0 to the University of Pitt-Johnstown Saturday, January 27.

"We have the talent to compete," Tom Feik, sophomore 167 lbs said. "We've just run into some tough competition. UPJ is nationally ranked and PSAC's are always tough."

"The opposing teams that we compete against are highly regarded programs that have national ranking within Division II and III," co-captain Alan Houck said.

After coming off a one win appearance at the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference meet and a blank at UPJ, the Mounties have to wonder what is going on with their season.

"Injuries have been our greatest opponent," Houck, 126 lbs. said.

With the loss of Brent Ryer at the 118 lb. level the team ends up with a six point deficit to start off a match.

"Giving up six points from the start makes guys think they are going into the match losing," Freshman Matthew Rickard said. Rickard injured himself this week during practice and will not be wrestling against Gannon.

Other key injuries to the team came in the form heavyweight Kevin Oswalt and at 190 lbs. Charlie Tuttle. Because of their losses the team has had to shift guys around just to cover their weight classes. Both guys will be back this weekend to compete.

"We've only had four matches all season with our four original starters," Head Coach Hank Shaw said.

With so many starters out and injuries hampering the team, not only is the team hurting physically but psychologically as well.

"Psychologically we're not displaying anywhere near our talent," Shaw said. "In the case of UPJ we lost the meet even before we got there."

This weekend will feature the Mounties at home against Gannon University. Shaw hopes this could feature very promising for his team.

"This weekend could be the most closely contested match of the season," Shaw said. "I can't wrestle for them, but if we wrestle near our capabilities it could be very interesting."

MU Women's Basketball Statistics

REBOUNDS

PLAYER	G-GS	FG-A	%	3FG-A	%	FT-A	%	O	D	T	PTS.
S. Barr	18-17	67-195	34.4	35-103	34.0	14-17	82.4	15	41	56	183
L. Bricker	19-1	30-101	29.7	6-28	21.4	12-22	54.5	17	24	41	78
B. Dutko	19-19	120-247	48.6	0-0	0.0	73-109	67.0	49	77	126	313
C. Farabaugh	19-19	26-90	28.9	7-21	33.3	8-16	50.0	17	38	55	67
E. Fisher	19-12	50-160	31.3	2-19	10.5	33-43	76.7	27	41	68	135
C. Hill	19-0	16-58	27.6	6-21	28.6	16-21	76.2	5	20	25	54
M. Jeffery	19-19	83-195	42.6	0-0	0.0	56-89	62.9	106	116	222	222
L. Martin	8-0	1-5	20.0	0-0	0.0	1-2	50.0	0	2	2	3
J. Masker	19-8	37-129	28.7	17-69	24.6	21-30	70.0	8	17	25	112
T. Moser	18-0	21-43	48.8	0-0	0.0	7-11	63.6	25	30	55	49
D. Owens	15-0	9-36	25.0	0-0	0.0	6-9	66.7	12	22	34	24
J. Williams	10-0	10-29	34.5	1-5	20.0	6-11	54.5	2	1	3	27

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Meet The Team

by: Amber Lakits
sports editor

Name: Brian McMahon
Year: Sophomore
Position: guard
Hometown: Philadelphia
High School: Penn Charter High School



MU basketball

Sports Views

My time to speak

by Amber Lekits
sports editor

The weather is turning colder, the heat is cranking hotter and frosty temperatures are in the air. What a perfect time to think about baseball!

No, I haven't completely lost my mind (at least not about this topic anyway) but spring training is one of the hottest topics currently going on in the sporting world.

And who is one of the hottest teams right now in my mind? Well for those of you who have been faithful readers of my pages (I know there has to be some of you out there) you already know the answer to this question. That's right the boys from the city of brotherly love the Philadelphia Phillies!

I know, I know many of you may not agree with that logic considering the years the Phillies been having but President Bill Giles and V.P. Lee Thomas have been making some gutsy moves in the off-season. (It's about time these guys have done something I actually agree with)

One of the best moves in my mind would be the acquisition of catcher Benito Santiago off of waivers. Santiago is by far one of the top catchers in baseball today. It's true he may be a bit past his prime, but nobody can nail a runner at first or third from his knees like this guy. To make room for Santiago, long

time Philly catcher and former husband of a Hooter, Darren Daulton was moved to the outfield. It's a time all catchers have to look forward to, a time when the knees just give out. Now as much fun as eight arthroscopic knee surgery's sound, I think another position is just what the doctor ordered.

Another favorable move was the acquisition of the Ink man-Pete Incaviglia. This is definitely one guy I wouldn't want to meet alone in a back alley. I think after his baseball career is done, you'll see him taking on the Undertaker in WWF wrestling. This guy was literally kicked out of the Japanese league for starting to many fights. His last stint in Philly proved favorable. In fact, I actually had the opportunity to meet this pugilistic legend at a convention back home. I guess what he lacks in manners he makes up for with the bat. With him and Dykstra in the outfield and all that chew spit flying around, Veterans Stadium will probably be condemned as a toxic waste dump.

At the end of last season, the Phillies picked up former Cardinal friend of Gregg Jefferies, Todd Zeile. The last couple years the Phillies have had more third basemen than Jim Fregosi smoked cigarettes in the dugouts during games. From Charlie Hayes to Dave Hollins to back to Charlie Hayes, the Phillies have had more than their share of third basemen woes.

One move I'm not sure I am to crazy about is the Slocumb trade to Boston for outfielders Tinsley and Murray. Maybe it's just because I don't follow the American League but I have no idea who these guys are! Let alone how they'll fit into the picture.

The outfield is already set with Dykstra, Daulton and power hitter Mark Whitten. Just imagine the power alone in these three men. Balls could be jumping out of the park. And to back up these guys we have steady Jim Eisenreich and

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Incaviglia. The outfield could be one of the most exciting parts of the team.

But, then again there is still the problem of pitching that hasn't been resolved. As much as I love and support my team their pitching basically sucks big time. I don't think Tommy Green and Curt Schilling had any clue as to where the strike zone began and ended. Schilling is back, but with a substantial pay cut. Why pay the guy the big bucks if he's already home and showered by the fourth inning?

Relief pitching and closers are another issue that have hampered the team since the "Wild Thing" Mitch Williams chalked up a home run that probably still hasn't landed. (Course I still blame Jim Fregosi for even bringing in Williams).

Rookie Ricky Bottalico proved he is more than capable with his outstanding performance last season, but he is still young. He came right up from Reading Double AA ball and may need a little time to adjust to the big league hitters.

One final move isn't with the players, but the coaches. Dave Cash is the new first base coach. Some of you may remember him through his many years with Pittsburgh. Scrappy Larry Bowa is back at third and Johnny Podres is back leading the pitchers.

I think all and all this could be quite an exciting year. But only time will tell. Even the pre-season games isn't always the best measurable device because teams play only other teams in their location, not in their division. But this will soon change.

For those of you who don't know, the 1997 season will see a little shake-up in the divisions. Just like in

football, American and National League teams will be playing each other during the season. The New York Mets will be taking on the New York Yankees, the Chicago White Sox will take on the Chicago Cubs.

I am a bit skeptical about this move because face it, these leagues are quite different. Pitchers who have never held a bat in their life will be faced to bat if the game is played in a National League park. But it will preserve rivalries. Instead of just hating the NY Mets we'll now have teams like the Baltimore Orioles to hate!

Anyway those are my opinion about baseball and the boys of summer. If you don't agree with me-tough. This is my column and I'm going to say what I want. Feel free to write one and challenge me, I love a good fight!

By the way for those Philadelphia Eagles fans out there, the team will be sporting a new look next season. (Maybe it will finally help them win the big one this season. Their hunter green uniforms will now be metallic midnight green. (Has anyone ever heard of that color?) Please let me know if you have heard of that color, I would appreciate it.

Don't forget everyone, these pages are for you. So unless you want to hear me write about the Phillies all season you better start helping me out.

All columns must be signed and include the phone number of person submitting it. Please submit all columns to 217 Memorial Hall. Or call me at the office at +4986. Otherwise, don't complain about my choices in sports teams!!!

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Athlete of the Week

Rusty Ginther



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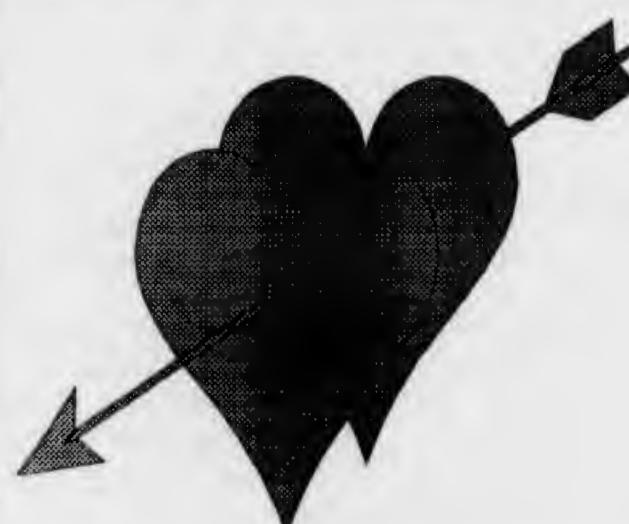
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Books of love take you from hugging to "I do"

by Ron Berthel
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Hugs and kisses, love letters and marriage proposals.

Advice and inspiration on affairs of the heart are abundant in books this Valentine's Day.

Hugging is an art. If it's one you'd like to embrace, author William Cane offers its finer points in "The Art of Hugging" (St. Martin's-Griffin, \$7.95, paperback).

The book goes into the whys and hows of hugs, including hugging in the car, on the phone and with your pillow. It also describes the various types of hugs, such as the back-to-front, heart-to-heart and side-by side, as well as the Continental hug — which is the European way.

The magic of a kiss is conjured up in "The Disney Kiss" (Hyperion, \$9.95), a compact hardcover that features 30 color stills from Disney animated features.

Among them are romantic scenes between Ariel and Prince Eric in "The Little Mermaid"; Pocahontas and John Smith; Belle and the beast in "Beauty and the Beast"; and scenes of animal attraction between Mickey Mouse and Minnie, Donald Duck and Daisy, and Lady and the Tramp.

Love speaks in "Love Quotes" (HarperCollins, \$12), a diminutive hardcover in which Roberto de Vicq de Cumpitch has gathered 100 quotes about love from sources as diverse as Yiddish proverbs and John Lennon, and Shakespeare and Fannie Flagg. Accompanying the romantic words are 40 photos by Pedro Lobo depicting various objects in the shape of a heart: a stethoscope and pincushion, ashtray and sunglasses, safety pin and alarm clock among them.

If words of love stick in your throat, there's help in Julian Bibble's "214 Ways to Say I Love You" (Pinnacle, \$4.99, paperback). His 214 (another way of writing Feb. 14) ideas include: Share your dreams for the future; buy or rent your sweetheart's favorite flick; or do what Bibble did — "Write a book and dedicate it to the love of your life."

The task of writing a book might be overwhelming, so consider writing a letter instead. Help can be found in "How to Write Love Letters" (Shooting Star Press, \$14.95) by Michelle Lovric.

The dust jacket of this glossy, hardcover volume features a miniature bundle of letters tied in red ribbon. Inside, the book's illustrated, gold-trimmed pages offer examples of dozens of types of love letters, quotes and advice from the pens and hearts of Mark



Twain, Edith Wharton, Edgar Allan Poe and others.

Any or all of the above books might lead to saying or hearing, "Will You Marry Me?" (Macmillan, \$6.95, paperback). Author Cynthia C. Muchnick has compiled an A-to-Z (Athletic to Zany) collection of "The World's Most Romantic Proposals" as reported by 50

couples.

And the courtships and proposals of 35 famous couples — among them the Clintons, Ozzie and Harriet, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, and Lucy and Desi — are related in "Marry Me!" (Fireside, \$9.95, paperback) by Wendy Goldberg and Betty Goodwin.



Cooking at home? How about a valentine menu for two?



You can draw inspiration for a romantic Valentine's Day dinner for two from Linda McCartney and her new cookbook, "Linda's Kitchen" (Little, Brown). Linda and Paul McCartney were married nearly 27 years ago. Eggplant caviar, vegetable souffle, rosti, arugula salad and tiramisu are among her

suggestions for a Valentine's Day's menu.

Eggplant Caviar
1 large eggplant
Juice of 1 lemon
1 1/2 tablespoons tahini-sesame paste
1 1/2 tablespoons sesame seeds

1 clove garlic, crushed
Sea salt

2 tablespoons chopped parsley
1/2 tablespoon olive oil

Pierce the eggplant several times with a large knife. Bake in a preheated 375-degree F oven for 30 to 40 minutes or until soft. Set aside to cool for about 30 minutes.

Peel the eggplant and discard the skin. Put the flesh in a bowl

and immediately add the lemon juice. Mash well, or blend in a food processor. Add the tahini, sesame seeds and garlic; mix thoroughly. Season with salt. Spoon into a serving dish, cover and chill. Before serving, sprinkle with parsley and drizzle with the olive oil. Serve with toasted triangles of pita bread. Makes about 2 servings.

Vegetable Souffle
1/2 tablespoon chopped spring onion or shallot

2 teaspoons margarine
1 cup cooked cauliflower florets, cut small

For the souffle base:
2 tablespoons margarine
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2-3/4 cups hot skimmed milk
Pinch cayenne pepper and
grated nutmeg

2 eggs, separated
Soften the spring onion or shallot in the margarine, then toss in the cauliflower florets and cook gently for 2 minutes. Set aside.



Calendar

Friday, February 9

1-4pm Free pool at the Rec Desk in Memorial Hall
6-8pm Mysterious Eskimo Show on WNTE
10pm Zanzibar at the Hut

Saturday, February 10

2pm Wrestling at home with Gannon University
3pm Amy Schauer/Teresa Forringer

Joint Junior Horn/Trombone Recital in Steadman Theatre

7:30pm Men's basketball away at University of Pitt-Johnstown
7:30pm Indoor track & field at Bucknell
10pm Zanzibar at the Hut

Sunday, February 11
8pm Zanzibar at the Hut
Nothing, it's a Sunday!

Monday, February 12

Last day to complete "Credit-By-Exam"
4pm Flashlight meeting in 217 Memorial Hall
9pm Student Government Meeting, Memorial Hall

Tuesday, February 13

12am Nancel P. Tinselhead's birthday
1pm Ebony Discussion Hour in the

MLK Center, Memorial Hall

Wednesday, February 14

6pm Women basketball at home with Bloomsburg
8pm Men's basketball at home with Bloomsburg
11-1pm Free popcorn at the Rec Desk in Memorial Hall
6:30pm TV Club meeting, Allen Hall
9pm MAC Coffeehouse at the Hut

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Withdrawal period to be reduced

by Chris McGann
layout editor

Next semester, students will have less time to decide whether or not to withdraw from a class.

According to Provost Dr. George Mullen, the University Senate passed a resolution last semester that will

limit the withdrawal period to the first ten weeks of school.

Mullen said that all of the details have yet to be worked out.

"President (Rod) Kelehner approved the resolution with mechanics to be worked out," he said.

Several faculty wanted the new measure. The majority of faculty who voted thought the current withdrawal

policy encourages apathy among students in class, Mullen said.

"Some faculty were concerned students would not be contributing to the class if they knew they could withdraw," Mullen said.

He said that other professors thought students could stay in the class, show progress and redeem themselves by the end of the semester. They thought,

however, the safety net should still be there.

Mullen said this issue was discussed in the Senate for about two years before the vote was taken last semester and approved by the president.

Mullen added that the process needs work. One problem that needs to be dealt with is how students and faculty are to be notified that students have less time to withdraw from a class. Mullen said this may not be a concern.

Mansfield telephone system freezes due to upgrade

by Matt Peterson
managing editor

Mansfield University on-campus students found themselves the victims of modern technology as the university phone system crashed on Monday night, leaving students off the hook for the night.

According to Clifford Wiles, PBX and telecommunications technician, the crash, which occurred at about 7 p.m. and wasn't resolved until 2 a.m. the next morning. It kept phone calls from coming into campus and limited students to making off-campus phone calls.

The crash was caused by a computer problem that occurred while telecommunications workers were attempting to upgrade the campus's Ericsson phone system, Wiles said.

"The system wasn't down due to a power failure but because of a data problem," Wiles said. "I don't really know why it happened."

"It stopped passing

calls throughout the system," Wiles said.

In order to bring the system back, Wiles had to call an Ericsson representative who connected himself to the frozen system through the phone lines. The two workers finally had to reload the entire system in order to bring it back on-line, Wiles said.

Despite having to reload, there was no data loss or damage done to the system, Wiles said. To prevent a crash from happening during a blackout or system malfunction, the telecommunications department makes sure to save all data changes and additions on backup disks.

"We are pretty much protected as far as securing all processing changes," Wiles said.

The telecommunications department planned to attempt to upgrade the phone system the night of February 15.

While the telecommunications department was able to resolve the situation within a few hours, many students were

frustrated and inconvenienced by the phone lockout.

"It was a real pain in the butt," Sarah Weetman, a sophomore social work major said. "My roommate locked me out of the room by accident and I couldn't call her and have her let me in."

Rich Taubar, a freshman, also saw the lockout as a nuisance.

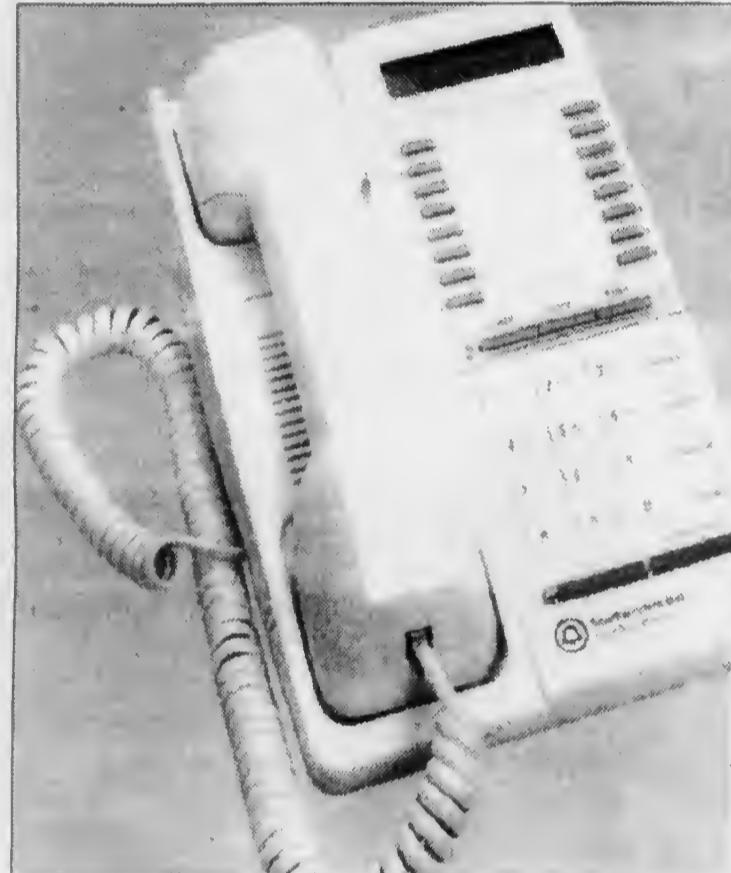
"I was pretty mad when the system went down," Taubar said. "It was more annoying than anything."

Another freshman, Shelly Newberry, had problems with the system as she was unable to receive an important call from home.

"My mother tried to get a hold of me all night and couldn't and became worried," Newberry said.

Along with students, the campus police department also had to cope with not being able to receive phone calls.

According to Campus Officer Chris Errico, the campus police had to notify the Tioga County Communications



A computer error in the phone system inconvenienced students as phones stopped working for a few hours on Monday night

office and let them know that the department could not receive any on-campus or off-campus calls.

Once the office was notified they could then alert the campus police via radio if there was a 911 call placed on campus, Errico said.

"Students should always call 911 in emergency

situations if they cannot get through to campus police," Errico said.

Also, there are emergency phone lines set up around campus which will operate during either power or phone blackouts, Wiles said. These phones, located at the main desk of every dormitory, connect callers to emergency outlets.

Changes in store for summer school of 1996

by Gene Yager
wire editor

Officials announced Monday that students attending summer school sessions this year will be in for several changes.

According to Keith Graver, director of Summer Sessions at Mansfield University, dorm and dining services will be offered for all three summer sessions. In the past, they were only offered during the main school sessions.

This is not the only change being made.

"The big change is, we have extended the time periods," Graver said.

According to Graver, there will

be four class periods during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m., along with a special period, which will run from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

"The special period will be to accommodate a physical education course, without students having to worry about classes overlapping," Graver said.

All of these changes will contribute to students being able to carry more credits in sessions 1A and 1B, Graver said.

During the first half of the summer, the main library will be inaccessible because of the move to North Hall.

However, all professors will be asked what library-related materials will

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Valentine's day brought romantic opportunities to single students as Cedarcrest hosted an evening improvising popular MTV's singled out.

Student Voices

by Sam Cleveland

Q. "Did the problem with the phones on campus inconvenienced you in any way?"



Robert Jordan
Sophomore

"Hell, yeah, affected campus wide booty calls."



Susan Brown
Junior

"Yes it did. I was out of town and I tried to get my voice mail but I couldn't."



Nicole Nicosia
Junior

"Most definitely."



Matt Dorman
Senior

"Hey man, poop happens. I couldn't get in touch with my main squeeze though."

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be used in their classes, Graver said. Those materials will be made available to students through the Retan library.

Graver cautions students not to take on more classes than they can

handle and also to touch base with their advisers on a regular basis.

Summer school classes begin May 30. The registration deadline is April 19.

Grad school enrollment at Bloomsburg on the rise

by Jen Bailey
The Voice, Bloomsburg

BLOOMSBURG — The number of graduate students enrolling at Bloomsburg University is steadily on the rise and is expected to grow significantly in the near future, say university officials.

The head-count for Fall 1995 and 1996 semester was close to 700 students; most of them part-time and taking night courses.

From 1986 to 1991 the numbers of graduate students fluctuated from the low 500's to the high 600's. Since 1992, enrollment was at 573 students, the numbers have steadily increased and are expected to continue doing so in the coming semesters.

Dr. Patrick J. Schloss, Assistant Vice President Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, said that the state approved new programs such as Exercise Science and a new Masters in Accounting last year.

"New programs are what it takes to expand enrollment and to attract students. We are currently exploring the possibilities of adding other new programs such as a Masters in Business Administration." Dr. Schloss commented that, "the programs are attractive because in each case they are very applied and provide excellent opportunities to develop graduate level leadership skills."

An example of these opportunities can be seen in the Institute for Inter-Technologies (IIT) which has an interactive technology lab, a reading clinic,

Bloomsburg student charged with using fake identification card

by Meka Eyerly
News Editor, *The Voice*

BLOOMSBURG — A Bloomsburg University student was charged Tuesday, Jan. 23, with 41 alcohol citations filed by town police with District Justice Donna Coombe.

Christian Diemer, 19, used a stolen ID card to buy 25 kegs of beer for underage friends since last fall, according to charges filed.

On Nov. 17, 1995, police busted a beer party at 501 E. Third St. after neighbors complained about noise and people urinating in yards. According to police, all of the residents in the house were under 21 and no one would say who bought the two half-kegs of beer that were seized. This incident lead to the idea of a false ID scam.

When police questioned the beer delivery man, the name Kevin Burke was found to have been the person that often signed and paid for the beer that was delivered to the house.

Despite the fact that several sales receipts obtained by police from local beer distributors contained the signature of Kevin Burke police said, after a records check, that they could not find anyone by the name of Kevin Burke in Bloomsburg or registered at BU.

and a speech and hearing clinic. Allowing students to master their educational and professional objectives in a conducive learning environment.

For students taking classes off campus, MBA's are being offered at Pennsylvania Power and Lighting (PP&L) and American Home Foods in Milton. These programs allow Bloomsburg University to customize classes according to the business environment.

Aside from the large programs, there are a number of smaller and more selective programs. These programs include courses in Biology, Art, Accounting, Business Education, Communication Studies, Elementary Education, Nursing, Reading, Speech Pathology, and many others.

A Graduate Coordinator in the Accounting Department, Richard Baker, stated, "Presently we have 25 students enrolled in the new MS/Accounting program with prospects of having 50 students by the year 2,000. All classes should increase in this way in the future." Dianne Angelo, a Graduate Coordinator in Communications, commented that "the Speech Pathology program at Bloomsburg University is ranked very high among other graduate programs and is attracting a lot of interest in the field. All of our graduate students go right into jobs when they graduate and our programs are very selective."

With state support and the addition of several new courses the number of graduate students enrolled at Bloomsburg University is expected to stay on the rise.

Police did find a Kevin M. Burke, residing in Diemer's hometown, by using state motor vehicle records. Burke said that he had never been in Bloomsburg when asked about the beer parties. He told police that his wallet, containing credit cards and license, had been stolen.

After a delivery man spotted him on campus, the police identified Diemer as the person who signed for the beer. Police stopped and questioned Diemer on Dec. 8 as he left classes.

Patrolman Leo Sokoloski and Dewey McBride, (both plain-clothed) escorted Diemer to his Miller Avenue apartment to confiscate the stolen ID card and credit cards. After arriving at his apartment, two other uniformed town policemen came in and searched the apartment and bedrooms. Police found lying in open view in a bedroom, a glass marijuana pipe, seeds, stems and a small amount of marijuana.

Two of Diemer's roommates, Timothy Pasquay, 20, and William C. Gant, 19, also BU students, were involved in the incident. Charges of possession for Pasquay and constructive possession for Gant were filed.

"I was under the impression that my roommates were not going to get in trouble for my actions," said Diemer.

Russian experiences shared by students, professor

Topics included lifestyles, culture, and education abroad

by Josh Cusatis
staff reporter

Three students and a professor from Mansfield University spoke of life in Russia during a special presentation given on Tuesday.

Dr. Howard Travis, Christy Fry, Brian Souter, and Debbie Mychak each talked about the adventures they had in Russia while attending classes at Volgograd University last fall. Before departure, Travis instructed the students to make observations and develop constructive remarks to talk about when they returned.

All four speakers were impressed by the culture, the state of living and the beauty of the nation.

Fry talked about how the trip broke down her preconceived notions of life in Russia. She said that the Russians have a strong sense of family and friendship. She mentioned that if you compliment someone on an article of their clothing, they will give it to you. Fry urged all Americans to overcome their prejudices about the Russian people.

"It's not the country that makes

the people," Mychak said, "it's the people that make up the country."

Mychak and Fry also spoke of the Russian custom of taking a bottle of vodka or a cake when invited to someone's house. They do this because want to, not because they have to.

Travis talked about the state of life in Russia. Most people hold two or three jobs just to make ends meet. Travis went on to say that the average salary for a college level professor is \$110. Students with an A average get \$37 a month for all of their food and expenses while students with a C average only get \$11.50 a month.

Souter said despite 91% of the city having been destroyed during WWII, the scenery and architecture are nothing short of beautiful. He went on to say that the Eternal Flame and other statues are Volgograd's most illuminating points.

The presentation ended with Travis reading a poem in the Russian language. He then presented gifts to Mychak, Souter, and Fry.

He also mentioned that Mansfield University is planning a similar trip to Russia in the fall.



Photo by Sam Cleveland

Dr. Howard Travis shares his Russian experience with students and faculty.

Time management, study seminar poorly attended

by Stephanie DeNicola
staff reporter

A disappointing attendance and an absent speaker marked the Feb. 12 seminar entitled "Time Management" which took place in 204 Memorial Hall and was sponsored by the Academic Success Center.

According to Cindy Thorp, instructor of academic and human development, her seminar "Time Management" was to be accompanied by a seminar given by Frank Kollar, director of career development, called "How to use campus resources."

Unfortunately, due to a mix-up, Kollar was unable to attend.

"I had the information that the seminar was scheduled to take place at 204 South Hall, and not 204 Memorial

Hall," Kollar said.

Some of the highlights of the seminar included tips on how to study and on how to balance one's time.

Despite trying to inform people of the seminars by sending 135 letters to on-campus students on probation, only three students attended, and two stayed until the end.

"I was very disappointed by the turnout," Thorp said. "The lack of attendance showed why students are on academic probation."

Thorp is part of the Academic Advising team and works with students with academic problems.

"I work with students on academic probation," Thorp said. "I am also in charge of the tutorial program."

Students who attended the seminar were unavailable for comment.

Two civilians charged in drug bust at navy submarine base

SEATTLE (AP) — Undercover agents used a surveillance camera to help investigate a drug manufacturing operation at the Bangor Submarine Base in Kitsap County.

Two civilian employees at the base have been arrested and charged with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

No Navy personnel are believed to have been involved, and there was no evidence that any of the drug was actually sold, said George Roberts, special agent in charge of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service at Bangor.

According to Navy officials and court papers, the Navy and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration installed a hidden camera in the laboratory of the hazardous materials facility where the men worked. Agents watched as the men assembled drug-manufacturing equipment.

Arrested Wednesday were William Ferro Jr., 44, and Anthony Perez, 30. Both are licensed wastewater treatment operators and employees of Johnson Controls Inc., a civilian contractor that performs a variety of services at the high-security submarine base.

Agents seized "precursor chemicals" used to manufacture methamphetamine. The lab equipment was capable of turning out 4 ounces of pure meth every 48 hours with a street value ranging between \$3,500 and \$4,000, said Seattle DEA office spokesman Thomas O'Brien.

At a detention hearing in U.S. District Court on Friday, Perez was released on \$50,000 bond and Ferro on \$20,000 bond. If convicted of conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine, each man faces a minimum 10-year prison sentence.

Police Beat

2/8/96

10:30 Student being harassed by former friend/acquaintance, phone calls, visits, etc. Told to cease or arrest will follow.

18:20 Harassing phone calls.

2/9/96

10:10 Medical assist. Individual passed out on ground floor of Belknap. Paramedics treated patient for seizures. No reported injuries.

11:45 Harassment by E-mail.

Student reported receiving an obscene message on her E-mail.

2/10/96

2:05 Donald Harer, 21, of box 411 Cedarcrest B, was cited for public

drunkenness and disorderly conduct following an incident in the lobby of Cedarcrest.

2/11/96

9:00 State vehicle involved in New York state, not driveable. Operator not injured. Vehicle was taken to nearest garage and will be moved at a later date.

17:20 Lost or stolen decal reported.

2/13/96

21:54 Theft by unlawful taking of moveable property.

2/14/96

22:29 Theft reported.



Photo provided

Sankofa, The African Dance and Drum Ensemble of SUNY Brockport, will perform at Steadman Theater on Friday, February 16 at 8 p.m.. Sankofa's performances include dances that celebrate African culture. Some of the presentations will include traditional African and Caribbean dances and others are recreations that incorporate modern themes. The performance is sponsored by the Student Activities Office and College Community Services, Inc. It is free and open to the public.

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Around the Nation

Woman charges Seminole tribe with sexual harassment

BIG CYPRESS SEMINOLE INDIAN RESERVATION, Fla. (AP) — The Seminole Tribe's claim of sovereign immunity is slowing down a lawsuit by a former employee who alleges she was the victim of sexual harassment.

Kristine Roselius claims she was fired after six months, in November 1994, as the marketing director of the tribe's Swamp Safari when she complained about the alleged abuse.

Ms. Roselius said the harassment began early on, when her boss told her she could make "a quick \$10,000" by spending time with a wealthy client, and continued.

"I thought they were kidding," Ms. Roselius said. "They said, 'Why wouldn't you sell your body for an hour?'"

Last month, Ms. Roselius, 26, sued the Seminole Tribe of Florida in federal court.

Before the court can hear her story, though, Ms. Roselius must get past the tribe's claim that its status as a sovereign government protects it from employment suits. It was not clear when the court would rule on the tribe's status.

"The allegations are groundless. Beyond that, the Seminole Tribe is a sovereign Indian tribe," said Donald Orlovsky, an attorney who represents the tribe. Orlovsky said he could not comment further on the suit.

Roselius and her lawyer say the tribe waived its immunity when it began writing contracts to do business off the reservation.

Kirke Kickingbird, director of the Native American Legal Resource Center at Oklahoma City University, said in some instances, governments enact specific legislation to waive their immunity and let employees be sued.

"The tribes really haven't contemplated the issue for the most part and don't have anything in place," Kickingbird said. "There's nothing compelling them except the establishment of sound public policy. They don't want employees conducting themselves in an outrageous manner just because they are protected from suit."

When Ms. Roselius came to work for the Seminole Tribe in the beginning of June 1994, she never asked about personnel policies.

Each day, she commuted 85 miles from her apartment in Naples to the Seminole reservation, which borders Broward and Hendry counties. She created brochures, radio spots and TV commercials for the tourist attraction. But Ms. Roselius said troubles with her boss, Jimmie McDaniel, began almost immediately.

In July, McDaniel asked her to go with him to a fishing event at a nudist colony, Ms. Roselius said. The next month, McDaniel grabbed her bottom at a lunch with other employees, she said. He encouraged her to "look enticing" for trade shows, she added.

By November, she said she was fed up and complained. Ms. Roselius said McDaniel asked her to sign a letter rescinding the allegations, but she refused. One week later, she was fired. She said she was told she wasn't good at her job.

Just two months earlier, she had received an excellent performance review.

McDaniel didn't return phone messages left at the Swamp Safari office.

In February 1995, Ms. Roselius, who now lives in Tallahassee, filed discrimination complaints with the tribe and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

"I think our case is excellent," said Ms. Roselius' attorney, Paul Chmielewski.

International news briefs

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Bosnian Serbs reportedly issued an ultimatum for two detained officers to be released Monday from the Sarajevo prison where they are held on suspicion of war crimes. Though there was no confirmation of the ultimatum, the region's most powerful Serb, President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia, depicted the arrests as illegal and "dangerous." The statement was issued after he met with the top U.S. mediator for Bosnia, Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke.

FURUBIRA, Japan (AP) — Crews in northern Japan used 550 pounds (250 kilo-

los) of high explosives Monday to try to knock a giant boulder off a crushed highway tunnel where 20 people were trapped, but they were unable to dislodge it. A bus carrying 19 people and a passenger car with one person have been buried in the tunnel since Saturday morning, when a slab of mountainside the size of a 20-story building peeled away and smashed into the tunnel. At the accident scene, relatives kept an anguished vigil. Freezing temperatures had already left little room to hope for survivors, but the failure of Monday's blast to topple the rock into the sea as hoped brought despair.

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Truth about Bosnian war crimes emerging

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — A Bosnian Serb colonel defies the world to find proof that his comrades are guilty of systematic war crimes. "Let them come," he says.

Is his dare based on a clean conscience? Or on a cocky hope that evidence of horrific mass killings will go undiscovered?

The final truth has yet to emerge. It is like a ghastly jigsaw puzzle, coming together piece by piece. The numbers are dizzying — perhaps tens of thousands of victims, buried in up to 300 mass graves across Bosnia.

The hunt for evidence by the international war crimes tribunal and Bosnian government investigators is intensifying. Suspected mass graves are likely to be exhumed this spring.

In Banja Luka, a Serb stronghold, a brave Roman Catholic bishop tells a tale of massacre that suggests Serb commanders not long ago were blasé about atrocities.

It was July 25, 1992. Bosnian Serb troops moved into Brisevo, a tranquil village of Catholic Croats in the Serb-controlled northwest. Without provocation, the soldiers gunned down almost everyone there — 70 men, women, children, says Bishop Franjo Komarica.

Komarica, throughout the war one of the few outspoken human rights advocates in Serb territory, went to Brisevo a week after the killings. A Serb commander, trying to be helpful, acknowledged the massacre had occurred and even provided the names of the soldiers responsible.

But when Komarica asked if the men would be punished, the commander just shrugged.

That response — recounted by Komarica during a two-hour interview — helps explain the skepticism greeting the recent assertions of top Serb leaders that they will cooperate with international war crimes investigators.

"Let them come," said Lt. Col. Milovan Milutinovic, chief spokesman for the Bosnian Serb military. "The army has no worries ... they won't find anything."

In an interview, Milutinovic scoffed at the increasing allegations about mass killings. He said anyone is welcome to inspect a trio of mines west of Banja Luka — Ljubija, Tomasnica and Omarska — where Serb soldiers allegedly buried thousands of slain Muslims and Croats in 1992.

International human rights experts have indeed inspected the mines, although no

exhumation work has been done yet.

Despite Milutinovic's bravado, evidence of atrocities — sometimes solid, sometimes sketchy — is mounting across Bosnia.

"A lot of evil has happened here," Komarica said. "Sooner or later, everything that has been done will come to light."

The U.S. State Department's top human rights official, John Shattuck, said during a recent visit to the Srebrenica area that Serbs may have killed up to 7,000 Muslim men there after overrunning the enclave last July.

Bosnian army officials have identified dozens of possible mass graves nationwide. The commander of the NATO force in Bosnia, U.S. Navy Adm. Leighton Smith, says there could be 200 to 300 such graves.

In most cases, the Bosnian government says it will not begin excavating suspected mass graves on its own territory until international investigators inspect the sites.

In central Bosnia, judicial investigators of the Muslim-led Bosnian government say an estimated 3,000 slain Muslims may be buried around Kljuc and Sanski Most, towns retaken from the Serbs by Muslim forces last fall.

Kasim Ibrahimbegovic, editor of a newspaper in Sanski Most, said one recent find was a grave containing corpses of 27 men believed to have suffocated in a truck in 1992 while being driven to a notorious Serb-run detention camp at Manjaca.

Ibrahimbegovic estimates 40,000 non-combatant Muslims had been killed in northwestern Bosnia.

Some foreign relief officials believe the Serbs will have to cooperate with war crimes investigations as a condition for obtaining badly needed economic aid. But a Banja Luka journalist with a reputation for independence says he has detected no sign of any willingness by Serb leaders to acknowledge systematic abuses.

"The great majority of the people here can't accept that the Serbs committed any war crimes," said Spasoje Perovic, editor of a weekly paper.

Bosnian Serb news media depicted Shattuck's recent visit to Srebrenica as proof of Serb cooperation but did not report Shattuck's assertion that he had solid evidence of mass killings.

The issue of mass killings has elicited diverse emotions from Bosnians on all sides.

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An information night is being held for the new and expanding Big Brothers/Big Sisters club on campus. Please come and see what we're all about on: Monday, Feb. 19 at 7 pm in North Dining Hall. Refreshments will be served!

Are you interested in CHILD CARE on campus? Come talk to our volunteers and sign the pink petition. Petitions are available in rm 117 Belknap Hall, Retan lobby and rm 109 Pinecrest.



The sisters of Delta Zeta would like to extend an invitation to all independent women to our COB party, Tues., Feb. 20 in the DZ lounge (3rd floor, Laurel B). The festivities begin at 9:15 pm. Come out and meet the Sisters and help us celebrate out 30 years of Peace, Love, and Sisterhood on the Mansfield campus. All independent women. Discover DZ.

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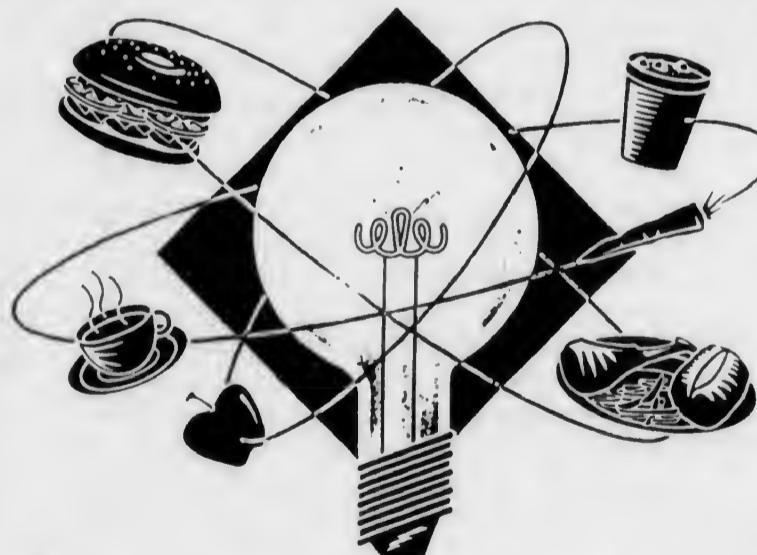
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MU handicap inaccessible

As of January 26, 1992, a law entitled the Americans with Disabilities Act decreed that all "public accommodations such as restaurants, hotels, theaters, doctors' offices, pharmacies, private schools etc. may not discriminate on the basis of disability."

This law was put forth to ensure the rights of the disabled in cases of employment, transportation and public accommodations. The law further states that all physical barriers in existing facilities must be removed (i.e. ramps and elevators must be installed to replace steps, doors must be able to open from a sitting position in a wheelchair and so forth). Also, all "new construction and alterations of facilities must be accessible."

While the convenience and access of buildings may not be something you really ever pay attention to, for the disabled and physically challenged, this topic is a very serious one. We think it is an issue that should be important to everyone and that students should look at how accessible their own campus is.

Take a walk around Mansfield and imagine the routes you would have to take to get to your classes if you were handicapped. You might find it difficult to access buildings you go to every day because of stairs and steep slopes on campus. You may even be surprised by how limited access really is.

Take for example one of our campus dorms. There is literally no way a handicapped individual can get into Cedarcrest manor. There are no ramps going into the building and there are steps inside the only accessible door of the building. Yet when Provost Mullen was asked by Amber Lakits, sports editor, two years ago about when and if changes would be made, the reply was "there wasn't a need." Perhaps the administration doesn't see there being much of a need for access in non-class buildings or maybe the reason there isn't a need is that individuals cannot get into the building to complain.

Manser is a non-class building that has handicap access but unfortunately, one has to be treated like they have the plague just to go up to the cafeteria. There is a nice elevator for the physically challenged, in the back of the building. To enter the cafeteria you have to wheel across numerous offices and maneuver through the cafeteria line.

Pretend you've just finished eating and decide you want a little recreation so you head to Memorial Hall, by far one of the most inaccessible buildings on campus. There is physically no way to get there from most points on campus if you are in a wheelchair. You would have to get into a car and drive over to park in front of the building. Once inside the building, you might find that getting to any floor other than the basement a difficult challenge. There is an elevator in the building but it is only operable by key.

What about the class buildings on this campus? According to Rich Rood, an MU senior who has muscular dystrophy and is wheelchair bound, all of his classes have to be arranged around which buildings he can access. The two buildings in which he has class are Home Ec and Belknap and in the case of Belknap he is restricted to classes on the first floor. He has never been Steadman, Allen or even Grant Science buildings because there is simply no way he can get into them. This limits him from taking classes that are designated for those buildings, like music, science and art. He is hardly getting the entire college experience if he is restricted on what classes he can and can't take because of the buildings they are in.

Sports events are another issue. The handicapped have no place to view any game or event at the football stadium. There is ample opportunity to view the bathroom facilities since they are very nicely equipped with ramps, but the only view you get at the complex from there is the bathroom stalls.

This lack of accessibility is discrimination. MU is telling people with disabilities where they can sit, what buildings they can enter and how they can enter them. This is simply absurd.

Maybe MU administrators would change their viewpoints if they viewed the world the way the many disabled do from a wheelchair.



Presentation didn't advocate law breaking

To the editor:

My name is Ira Bond. I have a double major in broadcasting and public relations here at Mansfield University. I also have a minor in African-American studies.

In many places, painting graffiti is illegal. In the presentation that I gave at the MLK Conference, I never advocated breaking the law. I also never mentioned gangs, gang turf, gang warfare or violence. If those associations were created, they originated from some other source that supports ignorance about the subject.

Graffiti is the plural of the Italian word "graffito," which means scratchings. The word is related, both linguistically and in content, with the name of a particular type of mural painting. Graffiti has been adhered to as a means of expression for people who live throughout the world with all types of backgrounds. Just as in comparison with traditional types of art there are variances in style and purpose of pieces.

If you tried to categorize graffiti here in the Americans you might name several

types. One type called Latrinalia, coined by Dundes who wrote the article called "Here I Sit—A Study of American Latrinalia" refers to the graffiti that is found in bathrooms. His study shows an in depth POV surrounding gender relations. Although this graffiti is illegal, I don't think that gang violence was included in his study.

We can never exclude cultural context when we look at modes of communication in any medium. In graffiti, Paul R. Shaw saw gangs as a direct relation with this communication. The question is and remains, how far is this feeling from reality? Projecting an opinion from a young African-American perspective who grew up in this culture, Shaw could not be any more wrong.

Even in the culture of MU graffiti is an acceptable form of communication. Maybe we should take a trip to Belknap or the Library and look at the many desks with names, fraternities and sororities, and racial slurs on them. According to Shaw this behavior prompts violence and gang warfare.

I believe that we must try and understand cultural differences and correlations. What we perceive are only results of what we witness. What we witness may not always be the truth.

Whether people like it or not, graffiti is a part of African-American culture and is considered by many people an artistic expression. In parts of Europe and Asia although illegal, graffiti is tolerated as an expression.

The channel of communication or the method of the expression may not always be seen as appropriate by some people. Nevertheless spray paint will remain that medium unless another is created.

Graffiti has nothing to do with marking turf, substituting one gang's graffiti by a rival gang and then killing yourselves over it. That style went out with breakdancing. Graffiti has to do with expression. In my opinion, the definition of expression is art.

Sincerely,

Ira Kwadjo Bond



Commentary

Columnist talks about the joys of dogsledding



Dave Barry

This is the second part of a two-part series titled "Recreational Winter Sports That You Can Do Sitting Down." Last week, in part one, I discussed snowmobiling, with my key finding being that you should not go snowmobiling with adolescent boys unless your recreational goal is total cardiac arrest. Today I'll discuss a sport that is more relaxing, as well as far more fragrant: dogsled-riding.

A dog sled is — follow me carefully here — a sled that is pulled by dogs. And if you think that dogs are not strong enough to pull a sled, then you have never been walking a dog on a leash when a squirrel ran past. Even a small dog in this situation will generate one of the most powerful forces known to modern science. In some squirrel infested areas, it is not at all unusual to see a frantically barking dog racing down the street, wearing a leash that is attached to a bouncing, detached arm.

Historians believe that the dog sled was invented thousands of years ago when an Alaskan Eskimo attached a pair of crude runners to a frame, hitched this contrivance to a pack of dogs, climbed aboard, and wound up in Brazil. This taught the remaining Eskimos that if they were going to build another of these things, it should definitely have brakes. Today, dog sleds are mainly used in races, the most famous one being the Alaskan Iditarod, in which competitors race from Anchorage to Nome, with the winner getting a cash prize of \$50,000, which just about covers the winner's Chapstick expenses.

I took a far more modest dog-sled ride, up and down a smallish mountain near Hailey, Idaho, on a sled operated by Sun Valley Sled Dog Adventures. This is a small company started by a very nice young guy named Brian Camilli, who plans to win the Iditarod some day, and who bought his first sled dogs five years ago with what was going to be his college tuition ("My parents still aren't sure how they feel about it," he says). He now owns 27 dogs, which as you can imagine makes it somewhat tricky for him to obtain rental housing.

I was part of a two-sled party, which required 18 dogs. A highlight of this experience — in fact, a highlight of my entire life — was watching Brian and his partner, Jeremy Gebauer, bring the dogs, one at a time, out of the truck. Because, of course, every single dog, immediately upon emerging, had to make weewee, and then every dog naturally had to sniff every other dog's weewee, which could cause the follow-

ing thought to register in their primitive dog brains: "Hey! This is WEEWEE!" And so naturally this would cause every one of them to have to make MORE weewee, which every other one would, of course, have to sniff, the result being that we soon were witnessing what nuclear physicists call a Runaway Chain Weewee Reaction.

Eventually, Brian and Jeremy got all the dogs into their harnesses, at which point they began to suspect that they might be about to run somewhere, which caused them to start barking at the rate of 260 barks per minute per dog. I would estimate that at that moment our little group was responsible for two-thirds of the noise, and a solid three quarters of the weewee, being produced in the western United States.

These dogs were RARIN' to go. We passengers climbed into the sleds, and Brian and Jeremy stood on the runners behind. The sleds were tied firmly to the front bumper of the truck, but the dogs were pulling so hard that I swear I felt the truck move; I had this vision of us disappearing over the top of the mountain — dogs, followed by sleds, followed by truck, all headed for the Arctic Circle, never to be heard from again.

Quickly, Brian and Jeremy untied the sleds and WHOOOAAAA we were off, whipping up the trail at a very brisk pace, the dogs insanely happy, Brian and Jeremy shouting traditional dog-team commands (my favorite traditional command, shouted by Brian, was: "BE NICE!").

These guys know their dogs; they watch them carefully and talk to them

individually. Every dog runs a little differently, has a different personality. For example, on my sled's team, Sprocket was a good, hard worker, a steady puller with a real nice gait; Brain hardly had to tell him anything. But he had to keep talking to Suzy, who was definitely not pulling her share of the load. She was more waddling than trotting. Brian would shout, "SUZY!" and she'd start trotting for a while, but as soon as she thought he wasn't looking she'd go back to waddling. You could just tell that if Suzy worked for a large corporation, she'd spend most of her day making personal phone calls.

But most of the dogs were off to the races. In fact, the hard part is getting them to stop. Brian told us one of the cardinal rules of this sport is that you never, ever get off and walk behind the sled.

"They'll leave you behind," he said.

We trotted briskly up to the top of the mountain, then Jeremy and Brian turned the sleds around in a maneuver that had all the smooth precision of a prison riot as the two teams of dogs suddenly decided this would be a good time for all 18 of them to sniff each other's private regions. But they got straightened out, and we roared back down the hill; even Suzy was in overdrive. The sun was shining, the valley was spread out below us, the wind (not to mention the occasional whiff of dog poo) was whipping past our faces. It was a wonderful moment, and I felt as though I never wanted to get off the sled, even if there had been some way to stop it. I'll write when we reach Brazil.

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by Matt Peterson
staff staff

Recently I had to make a trip to the doctor's office with my girlfriend early one Saturday morning. I wasn't overly excited to be sitting in a waiting room at 10 in the morning on a weekend (I don't usually get up until sundown) but I figured since I had to be there I would catch up on some of my magazine reading.

So as I sat among a sea of diseased, sneezing, deathly people and their exuberant children, I began to sift through the magazines that were located on the designated reading table (a prominent fixture in any waiting room). As everyone knows, every office has a table like this which is used to hold the mandatory copy of the Bible, a Dr Seuss book for the kids and approximately 300 copies of old magazines—magazines so ancient and uninteresting that they make you wish you didn't have to wait for the dentist to drill your teeth or for the doctor to do some sort of jelly related activity to you.

So anyway, being bored and annoyed by all the stares I was getting from the locals (college students attract attention whenever we "invade" a public place) I decided to take my chances and peruse the magazines. Little did I

know I would find the journal that would change my life.

Anyway I began my search by looking for the staple of my magazine diet, *People*. Whenever I am in a waiting room I always look for a *People* magazine (unless I am in a kid's waiting room, then I look for *Highlights*). Now I know the issues aren't current (I remember reading one two years ago at my dentist's which contained a feature on that new happening show, *Starsky and Hutch*) but if I'm at the point where I am actually about to read a *People*, it doesn't matter anyway. Besides *People* only serves the purpose as a face shield and I also like to look at some at least decent pictures. Now, sure, I could go with a nice news magazine like *Time* (and sometimes I do), but it is so much easier and more gentle to flip the pages of *People* and see pleasant pictures of beautiful women dating beautiful men and pictures of dogs hanging ten; a more pleasant view than looking through *Time* and seeing depressing snapshots of war and poverty and Newt Gingrich. I guess I could always go for one of the fifty magazines with the word "Woman" in the title but I don't like to attract any more attention than I usually get.

So anyway, back to the waiting room. I was sitting there flipping through the magazines looking for a

copy of *People*. Instead of finding *People*, I did find perhaps the best magazine in the world, sitting in among the ancient copies of *Sports Illustrated* and *Business Week*: a pristine copy of the *American Wooden Frame Builders Association Journal*. The entire magazine was devoted to and made for people who build wooden frames for houses. Now I wasn't quite sure, but after scanning the senior citizens and overworked mothers in the waiting room, I was quite positive that none of them actually were members of the *American Wooden Frame Builders Association*. This made the magazine (in my opinion) very obscure and of course, me being an advocate and devotee of obscurity, I had to pick it up. After reading the title story about the plague of wood rot in Cedar trees in Northern Maine, I was hooked. I quickly learned the proper way to do a C cut on a piece of standard lumber, the best angle for a common floorbase and the easiest way to prevent splinters. It was moving stuff. Before I knew it, I was placing the magazine into the inside pocket of my coat. I had to take it home immediately to find out how to get a subscription. However, when my girlfriend returned from the inner office, she noticed the unsightly bulge in my jacket and made me return my new-found treasure so others could enjoy it also.

Things Best
Left Unsaid

"You make
your
own toys,
and
I will
play
with
yours
also."

Mentionables

New movie *Mr. Holland's Opus* well worth seeing Richard Dreyfuss' portrayal of a high school music teacher Oscar worthy

by Bryan Murphy
staff critic

Mr. Holland's Opus
Starring: Richard Dreyfuss
Director: Stephen Herek
Hollywood Pictures, 1996
Rated PG

Mr. Holland's Opus, directed by Stephen Herek, is a film about the life of Mr. Glenn Holland (played by Richard Dreyfuss), a musician turned teacher. He decided to "fall back" on his teaching degree because he thought that he would have lots of time to compose his symphony — he was wrong. The film opens with his first day of school — which he hates, but has to stick with it because he and his wife, Iris (Glenne Headly), need the money. A couple of months later, Iris announces that she is pregnant, forcing him to continue his teaching. With the principal of the school pushing him and his students failing, he decides to take a new approach to his teaching, which he, and his students, enjoy much better. You watch as Cole, Glenn Holland's hearing impaired son, grows up with a father who knows little about what to do with a deaf kid. He finally (after 15 years) realizes that deaf people can enjoy music after his son Cole, with Iris translating to make sure Mr. Holland understood, tells his father off, using, what I think, is the only profane word in the movie. Throughout



Photo provided
Richard Dreyfuss (pictured above) teaches young students the magic of music in Hollywood Pictures new release *Mr. Holland's Opus*.

the film, Holland struggles with the school board and the vice-principal as he tries to teach the kids, by any means possible, to love music. From teaching them Bach by playing modern rock, to teaching them Gershwin. Then, thirty years after his start at John F. Kennedy High, the music department is taken out of the school's curriculum, he feels empty like he hasn't done anything — like he hadn't touched anyone's life. He couldn't have been further from the truth. Through his thirty-year career as a music teacher in John F. Kennedy High School, he taught all kinds of kids, from wrestlers to musicians to his son Cole, to love music.

This is an excellent movie — two thumbs up — four stars (well more

like three and a half). I would highly recommend it to anyone who doesn't mind a few tears here and there (to people who like to cry a lot at movies, bring a box of tissues). One touching moment takes place after Mr. Holland tells his son Cole that he wouldn't understand John Lennon's death. Cole then sets Mr. Holland straight, telling him that just because deaf people can't hear music doesn't mean they can't appreciate it. It then becomes Mr. Holland's duty to make all kids like music, including deaf ones. And when Mr. Holland sings a rendition of John Lennon's Beautiful Boy, there isn't a dry eye in the theater.

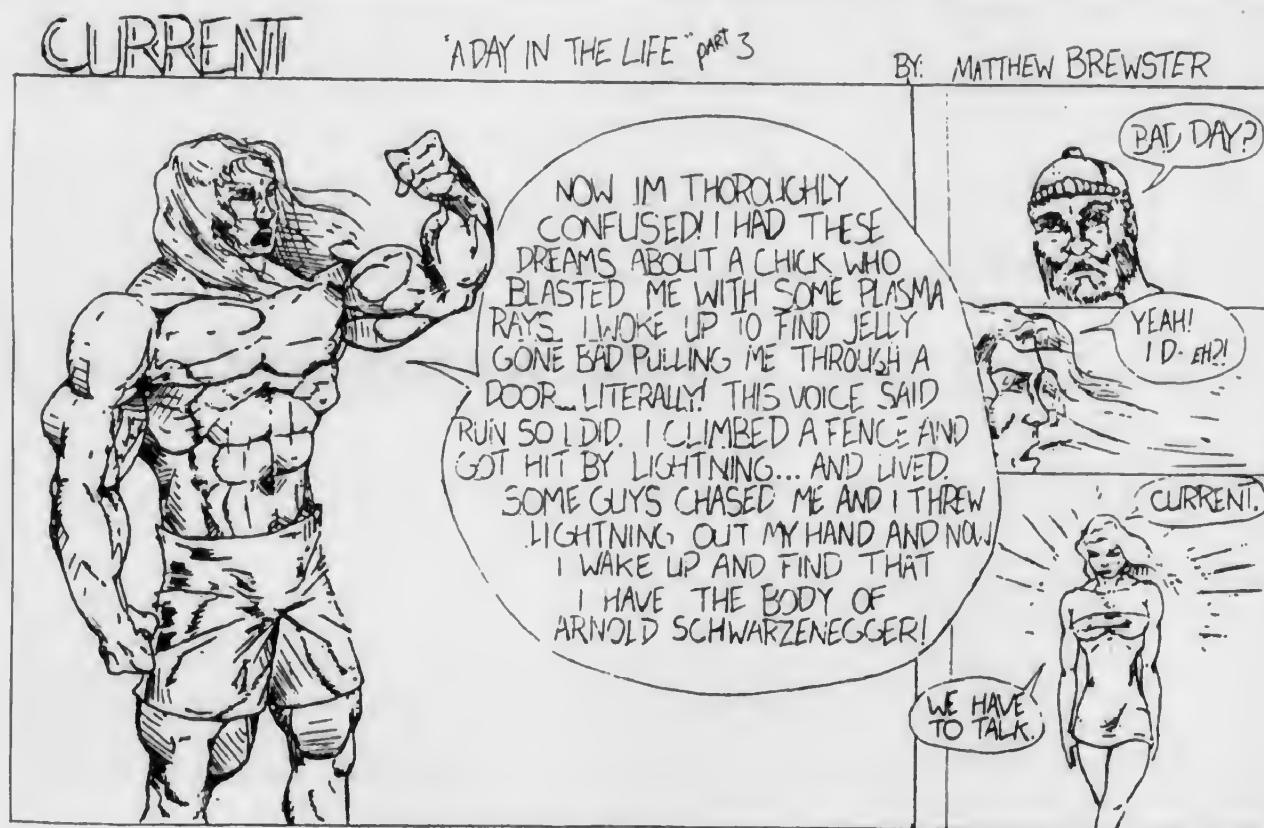
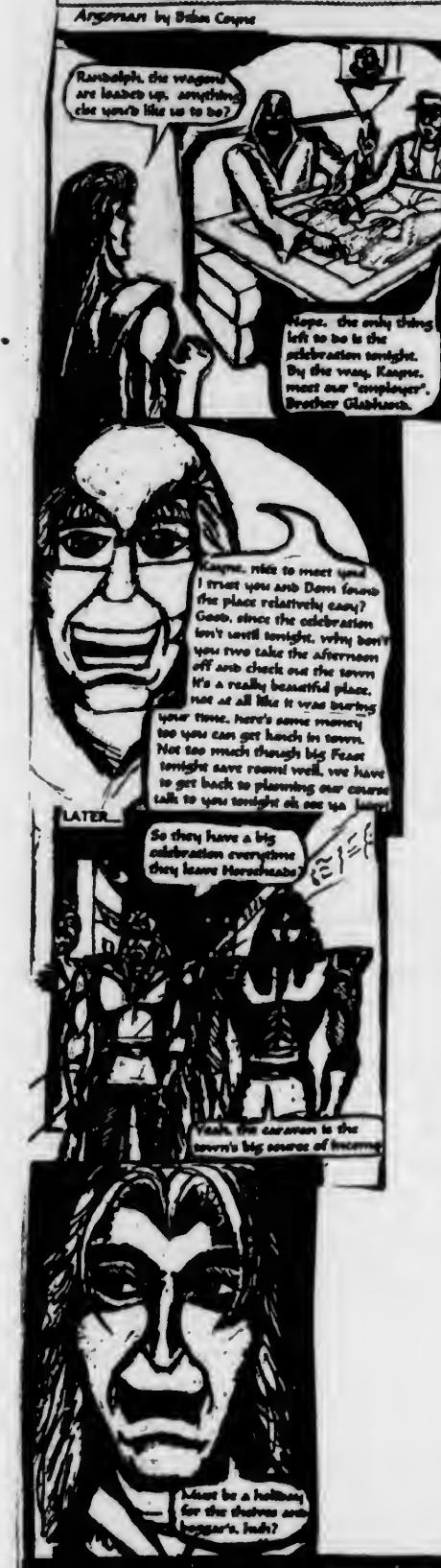
Richard Dreyfuss' performance is Oscar material, and since he hasn't won an Oscar in 19 years, he's

due. Glenne Headly was also great as the frustrated mother of a deaf child whose father didn't pay enough attention to his son. All she wanted to do was be able to talk to her son, and to get her son and husband to connect.

The supporting cast was also outstanding. In fact, despite my hatred of Jay Thomas, his role as the football coach and friend of Mr. Holland could not have been more significant. Olympia Dukakis, who played the school principal that hired Mr. Holland, tried to get Mr. Holland to give more. She was the driving force behind Mr. Holland's change in style because she expressed that she was worried that Mr. Holland was treating teaching like a nine to five job instead of the 24-hour job that it is. She could have had more screen time, but I guess they can only make the movie so long (it's total length being about 140 minutes).

The problems I had with the movie all dealt with people's ages. Richard Dreyfuss' age in the beginning of the film was supposed to be thirty years old, but he looked older than thirty — a lot older than thirty. Then, despite its spanning about thirty years, he didn't age very much over the rest of the film. And Iris, who was fairly believable as a thirty-year-old in the beginning of the film, also didn't age quite as much as she should have. By the end of the film, she looked forty-five to fifty, maybe. However, in a film as good as this, little details like this are easily overlooked.

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The Flashlight

Men's b-ball pick up first conference win

by Joe Wagner
sports reporter

The Mansfield men shocked the Bloomsburg Huskies, the number one team in the conference, last Wednesday night to get their first conference win.

The Mounties put an end to their seven game losing streak with their win over the Huskies. Bloomsburg, ranked 19th in the nation, came into Decker Gym to face the punishing rebounding of senior Rick Shaw and the hot-shooting of freshman John Sowell's 21 points. The traditionally powerful Huskies were surprised in the first half by the impressive showing of the Mountaineer's. The Mountaineer's finished the first period shooting 41 percent from the floor while Bloomsburg hit only four of 28 shots.

Mansfield jumped ahead in the first half, and except for one lull in scoring, dominated. Steve Shannon scored 10 points in the first half to lead the Mountie attack. Louis Judson had eight points, and both Tyrone Fisher and John

Sowell contributed six points in the first half. The score at the end of the first period was 37-23 in favor of the Mountaineers.

The Mountaineers continued their fine play in the beginning of the second half. They did, however, get into foul trouble late in the game. The Mounties only dressed eight players, because of illness and injury.

"We just refused to lose. When it got down to the last minutes of the game and we were in foul trouble, it would have been easy to fold, but we didn't," said head coach Tom Ackerman.

The team's two seniors, Rick Shaw and Tyrone Fisher, were the leaders on the court. Both had good games. Shaw was four of seven from the field and pulled down six rebounds. He totaled 12 points all-together. Fisher had 13 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Louis Judson was the high scorer for the Mounties, having 22 points.

"I credit... the senior leadership of Rick Shaw and Tyrone Fisher," said Coach Ackerman.

The two seniors will play their last home game this Saturday at Decker



Photo by Sam Cleveland

Mountie basketball players goes for the shot in the Mounties victory Wednesday.

Gym against the Cheyney Wolves.

Tyrone Fisher is ranked second on the Mansfield all-time list for assists with 416. He is also second-ranked in the steals category with 155. Fisher is 11th on the record list for 3-pointers made, and fifth in shots attempted. Tyrone Fisher has been the leading rebounder in three of this year's games. He also has been the high scorer in three games.

Rick Shaw is third on Mansfield's record list for blocked shots with 45. He is ranked seventh in rebounds with 507. Shaw's 160 made free throws stand as the tenth best in Mansfield history. Rick Shaw was high scorer in four of this year's games while being the leading rebounder 13 times.

The Mounties next game is this Saturday, February 17 in Decker Gym at 3:00 against Cheyney University.

Mountaineer Outdoors-sports commentary

by Al Houck
sports reporter

I apologize to all my followers for not having an entry in last week's *Flashlight*. Since our last article I have taken to watching the life around the Mansfield area concerning our little feathered friends.

In the mornings as I peer out our partially frozen pane of glass in the kitchen I have noticed quite a few different species of winter birds huddled around our neighbors feeders. The numerous species sit on our Red Maple tree as a perch for their mid meal hangout. When there is free time in my schedule I enjoy staring out the back and watching the swarms of birds come in and take off frequently as they fill their stomachs.

Feeding birds during the winter has led to increased numbers in spe-

cies population and recognition among the public such as you and I. The bird feeding experience is a big business, and pulls in close to 2 billion dollars a year on our friends.

According to reports there is no other wildlife activity that attracts more attention. Just by Pennsylvania alone there are over 3.6 million people that contribute to luring birds into their domain.

I enjoy watching species such as the black-capped chickadee dangle from the end of a limb while trying to open a sunflower seed. The acrobatic nature of this tiny bird makes the minutes I spend watching so much more enjoyable.

There has been a lot of positive output from students who have ventured to the Pennsylvania Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show in the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg. For those of you who are not familiar with the program, this

sporting event draws in outfitters, guide services, merchants and manufacturers of outdoor related material to the public under one roof.

The variety of the show allows the hunter and the non-sportsman to find their own niche while being surrounded by thousands of their own kind. The event is not for pro hunting or fishing, but to allow everyone to experience a little of everything.

Organizations provide information through pamphlets and other means about the efforts and contributions that they have made towards the habitat for all wildlife.

There are various events and contests that you can participate in while you attend the convention. Calling contests, marksmanship and intelligence tests of outdoor related material. The event to me is like the Taj Mahal of all shows.

Anything, anywhere it is just

a short walk away and my mind can wander around as I wander myself. The best advice I can give is go early and take some cash because you will probably find something that will get your attention. The doors open at 10 a.m. so get there early.

Next week Mountaineer Outdoors will bring to you the newest release by the Pennsylvania Game Commission in their efforts to manage the deer herd of our commonwealth. If you hunt around this area be sure to catch it because it could affect where you plan to hunt.

Editors note: This article was featured to run last week. But due to circumstances, the article was not published. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused anyone.

Flashlight

Athlete of the Week

Dawn Owens



Dawn Owens has been named *Flashlight* Athlete of the Week. Owens will play in her last game as a Mountie this weekend wrapping up an impressive four year career including 288 points.

Mansfield University Men's Basketball Statistics

PLAYER	G-GS	FG-A	%	3FG-A	%	FT-A	%	Rebounds			PTS.	AVG.	
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B. Jones	23-7	90-262	34.4	50-161	31.1	35-47	74.5	14	47	61	2.7	265 11.5	
R. Shaw	23-22	101-223	45.3	0-1	0.0	63-90	70.0	64	114	178	7.7	265 11.5	
L. Judson	23-19	115-251	45.8	49-115	42.6	85-104	81.7	22	64	86	3.7	364 15.8	
S. Shannon	23-18	60-124	48.4	0-3	0.0	17-22	77.3	42	76	118	5.1	137 6.0	
J. Sowell	23-23	104-216	48.1	1-6	16.7	77-110	70.0	46	63	109	4.7	286 12.4	
C. Smith	8-7	40-98	40.8	12-37	32.4	14-21	66.7	5	9	14	1.8	106 13.3	
T. Fisher	23-15	85-213	39.9	16-55	29.1	59-74	79.7	40	58	98	4.3	245 10.7	
B. Zarzedz	22-2	10-25	40.0	0-0	0.0	9-14	64.3	20	23	43	2.0	29 1.3	
C.J. Palmer	23-2	23-64	35.9	1-13	7.7	6-14	42.9	14	27	41	1.8	53 2.3	
J.J. Smithson	5-0	2-8	25.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	4	9	13	2.6	4 0.8	
MOUNTIES	23-23	630-1484	42.5	129-391	33.0	365-496	73.6	312	545	857	37.3	1754	76.3

Women's b-ball drops loss to BU Huskies

by Jason Bricker
asst. sports editor

Wednesday February 14, the Mansfield women's basketball team kicked off their final home-stand of the year against the nationally ranked Bloomsburg Huskies.

Earlier in the season when the two teams meet Bloomsburg won handily 79-61. Mansfield came into the game having drooped there last five games.

Mansfield jumped out to an early lead by breaking Bloomsburg press, but the lead only lasted a few minutes into the game as Bloomsburg caught up quickly and then finally went ahead.

Mansfield hung with Bloomsburg through most of the first half staying with in ten points of the Huskies. But Bloomsburg's press finally got to the Mountaineers, forcing them to turn the

ball over which led to Bloomsburg taking a 20 point lead by the end of the half (44-24).

Bloomsburg kept there press on in the second half. Despite being down by 20, Mansfield came out fighting in the second half, playing a physical type of game. But Bloomsburg was to much, there press forced Mansfield to turn the ball over a total of 32 times. Bloomsburg kept there press on until their was just seven minutes left in the game.

Mansfield also got into foul trouble early with Michele Jeffrey having to sit on the bench when she was needed out on the floor. In all four Mansfield player fouled out. (Liz Bricker, Tracy Moser, Jeffrey)

Mansfield never got close in the second half and Bloomsburg walked away with a 30 point win 82-52.

Becky Dutko once again led Mansfield in scoring with 14 points and 6 re-



Photo by Sam Cleveland

Cheryl Farabaugh goes for the shot in the Mounties loss to Bloomsburg.

bounds. Bricker also turned in a good performance with 12 points and five assists.

Saturday February 17, Mansfield plays there final home game of the year against Cheyney University. This game also marks the final home game for Mansfield senior Dawn Owens.

Owens is the senior captain for the Mountaineers. In four years with Mansfield owens has scored 288 points which puts her 24th on MU's all-time scoring list. Owens also is ranked 15th all-time in rebounding at MU with 299 rebounds.

Saturdays game tip-off time is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. in Decker Gymnasium.

MU grapplers drop tough loss to Gannon

by Amber Lakits
sports editor

The Mansfield University wrestling team loss 22-14 Saturday February 10 to Gannon University.

"We wrestled pretty well," Head Coach Hank Shaw said. "We had a lot of exciting matches. It was quite refreshing to see."

Gannon jumped out to an early 10-0 lead after a forfeit at the 118 lb. level and a 12-2 decision over Mansfield's Craig Rudolph at 126 lbs.

Two matches later the meet was

almost tied. The Mountie's Bart Gonzales posted a 17-5 decision over Jon Fry and at 142 lbs. MU's Georg Grap had the advantage over his opponent with a 9-1 decision over Tom Saito.

"They were all close matches," Shaw said. "None of the matches were really blow outs."

Gannon came right back with a 9-5 decision over Roland Grap at the 150 lb. level but MU's Rusty Ginther answered back with a 3-2 decision over Jim Reardon making the score 13-11 in favor of Gannon.

But Gannon proved victorious in three of the final four matches of the

meet giving them the edge on victory. At 177 lbs. Scott Setzer dropped a close one in a sudden death overtime by one point (1-0).

"We had a tremendous improvement," Shaw said. "We just came out on the short end of the stick. We haven't wrestled that well since the NY-PA Duals on January 7."

The final Mountie victory on the night came in the form of 190 lbs. Charlie Tuttle, just recently back from injuries.

He picked up a 5-1 decision over Brian Ferra, who finished third at last seasons National Qualifier.

"Charlie is starting to come back," Shaw said. "He is someone wrestlers are going to have to watch out for in the future."

This weekend features the Mountaineers taking on Kutztown University in Decker Gymnasium Saturday at 2 p.m.

According to Shaw, this weekend should offer no disappointments in the form of good wrestling.

"We seem to line-up pretty well in the weight classes and almost have a normal line," Shaw said. "But with pins you never know what can happen. It should be a real close meet."

Shaw named PSAC Player of Week

special to the Flashlight

Former Elmira Notre Dame standout Rick Shaw was named Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Eastern Division Player of the Week for his outstanding performance during the week ending 2/10/96.

In two games during the week, Shaw averaged 16.5 points and 11.0 rebounds, including a 20 point 11 rebound performance at Pitt-Johnstown. Shaw, who hit 14 of 29 attempts from the field, also had two assists and four steals.

In 22 games this season, the

senior center is averaging 11.5 points and 7.6 rebounds per game.

Shaw also tops the team in blocked shots with 20 and ranks seventh in rebounding in the Eastern Division of the PSAC.

Shaw has been the team's leading rebounder in 14 games this season. In three seasons at Mansfield since transferring from Bryant (RI) College, Shaw has scored 646 points and pulled down 497 rebounds.

Shaw already ranks seventh in Mansfield University career rebounds and third in blocked shots with 45.

Meet The Team

by: Amber Lakits
sports editor

Name: Chris Hill
Year: Junior
Position: pt. guard
Hometown: Mill Hall
High School: Bald Eagle
Awards: MIP freshman



MU basketball
"Coach Lynch has really turned the team around especially in our teams attitude."

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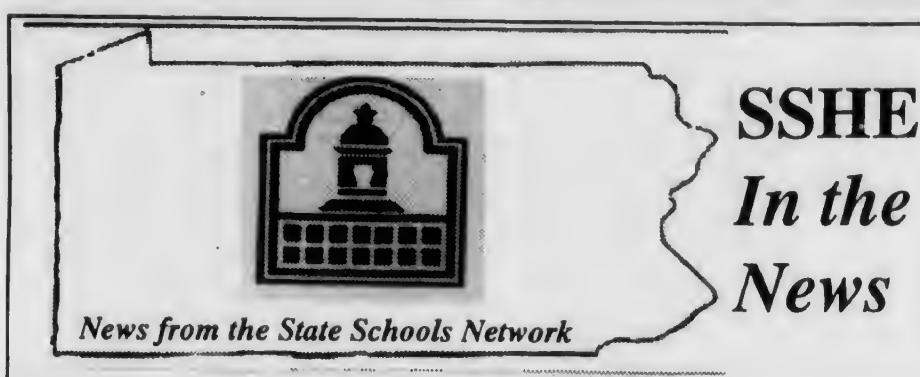
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MU Women's Basketball Statistics

REBOUNDS

PLAYER	G-GS	FG-A	%	3FG-A	%	FTA	%	O	D	T	PTS.
S. Barr	18-17	67-195	34.4	35-103	34.0	14-17	82.4	15	41	56	183
L. Bricker	19-1	30-101	29.7	6-28	21.4	12-22	54.5	17	24	41	78
B. Dutko	19-19	120-247	48.6	0-0	0.0	73-109	67.0	49	77	126	313
C. Farabaugh	19-19	26-90	28.9	7-21	33.3	8-16	50.0	17	38	55	67
E. Fisher	19-12	50-160	31.3	2-19	10.5	33-43	76.7	27	41	68	135
C. Hill	19-0	16-58	27.6	6-21	28.6	16-21	76.2	5	20	25	54
M. Jeffery	19-19	83-195	42.6	0-0	0.0	56-89	62.9	106	116	222	222
L. Martin	8-0	1-5	20.0	0-0	0.0	1-2	50.0	0	2	2	3
J. Masker	19-8	37-129	28.7	17-69	24.6	21-30	70.0	8	17	25	112
T. Moser	18-0	21-43	48.8	0-0	0.0	7-11	63.6	25	30	55	49
D. Owens	15-0	9-36	25.0	0-0	0.0	6-9	66.7	12	22	34	24
J. Williams	10-0	10-29	34.5	1-5	20.0	6-11	54.5	2	1	3	27



Former governor discusses racial divide with students

By Chris Paulitz
Senior Writer

The former governor of Virginia handed out a hard dose of reality Tuesday night when he discussed the country's racial divide to a packed Slippery Rock University Union Multi-Purpose Room crowd.

Elected in 1989, Lawrence Douglas Wilder became the first African-American since the Reconstruction to hold the governor's position in the state of Virginia. Similar to the plights of Martin Luther King Jr., Wilder faced the perils of racism. "I believed I could do it, and Dr. King believed that we could overcome," he stated.

"What Dr. King did to open the door up for people like me ... I will always cherish it," Wilder said, adding that the pressure of living up to King's expectations were a major factor in his strive for excellence.

Problems with media

Wilder found humor in the portrayal of African Americans in movies, but he was adamant with blame toward the news media. Three major media events which sparked increased racial divide across the country were cited by Wilder.

He first attacked the media "hype" which surrounded the O.J. Simpson trial. According to Wilder, the fact that it was an alleged black-on-white crime increased the coverage, where if it were white-on-white, or black-on-black, the interest would be less.

He noted that the Simpson jury did not witness overwhelming evidence, but when the Rodney King jury was shown visual evidence, they did not convict the white officers in the first trial.

Colin Powell, former presidential candidate hopeful and long-time friend of Wilder's, ignited the second media blitz when he publicly stated he had thoughts of running for president, according to the governor.

Wilder said the weight of the

country's racial problems weighed on the shoulders of the "war general turned instant politician," and this was too much to expect. When the media found he promoted affirmative action, gun control and abortion, all the while claiming to be a Republican, they went after him with little mercy.

The famed Million Man March on Washington, led by Nation of Islam leader Lewis Farrakhan, was the final example of Wilder's media attack. Wilder questioned the media's motives, saying they were more concerned with how many people were there instead of what the message was.

Politics as usual

Realizing there are blacks in poverty, and saying "I feel your pain," is not enough on the part of politicians, according to Wilder. To him, a 1996 national election means hope for a new generation, but it will take a massive overhaul to make a significant change. "If this is the cream of the crop [politicians], then God help the milk."

Politicians views on family values raised high emotions from the former governor. He said helping some families, while disregarding others, cannot be defined as family values. Instead, giving hope and a means of getting something accomplished should be the main goal. "We don't allow them to believe in themselves," said Wilder. He then backed his theory that poverty is an American problem when he stated there are 16 million more whites in poverty than blacks in this country.

Why he visited SRU

The Office of Minority Affairs and the Black Action Society felt students of other cultures and races do not have enough opportunities to gain from experiences of a public figure who has battled for equality and won.

"There have not been that many opportunities for African-American or European students to interact with someone of that stature," said Michael Turner, advisor of the Black Action Society.

Slippery Rock student dies in car accident

By Kristen Gunter
News Editor
The Rocket

Wendy L. Danner, 21, a Slippery Rock University senior communication major, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 1995 at Meadville (Pa.) Medical Center after sustaining injuries from an automobile accident.

Born June 5, 1974 in Corry, Pa., the daughter of Terence L. and Judith L. Everett Danner, Wendy graduated with honors from Corry Area High School in 1992, where she was a majorette in the marching band and a wrestling cheerleader.

At SRU, Danner was extremely active, serving as a member of the Marching Rockets for three years, Lambda Pi Eta National Communication Honor Society, and secretary for the Public Relations Student Society of America.

She won "Best Novice Public Relations Campaign" in 1994, and was a reporter for the student newspaper, *The Rocket*.

In addition, Danner was named to the Dean's List several times and was a laboratory assistant in both the communication and graphics labs on campus.

She worked at McDonald's in Corry and last summer she worked at *The Corry Journal* and the *Chautauqua Daily Times*, as well as the Guess? store Grove City Outlet Mall.

Jennifer Kasbee, an SRU student and friend of Danner said "it's hard to understand why Wendy was chosen to go." She said she and Wendy's other friends will miss her and will never forget the memories and laughs that they experienced at SRU.

Kasbee said Danner "loved to twirl, especially when the Marching Band performed at the Buffalo Bills game last year. She also loved to workout and rollerblade."

Bruce Russell, chairman of the communication department, said Danner was in his Practicum course and was working on brochures for a historical society. "We lost a talented individual who was obviously one of our best majors, as can be seen by her active involvement," he related.

Danner died of head and chest injuries that she received in a car-pickup crash before 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 24. She was traveling eastbound down a hill on Route 77 in Richmond

Township, Crawford County.

The SRU student lost control of her Ford Escort, veered right and struck a guard rail, which caused her vehicle to spin into the oncoming westbound lane. Danner's vehicle was struck by a pickup truck driven by Thomas Leech, 64, of Meadville.

A passenger from Leech's vehicle aided in removing Danner from her vehicle just before it caught on fire and completely burned.

Leech and two passengers in the truck were treated and released from the Meadville Medical Center.

According to police, none of the four people involved in the accident wore a seatbelt at the time of the accident.

Richard Arthur, an associate professor of communication who taught Danner last semester said she was very helpful in assisting her fellow students in the labs and she leaves a whole that we can't fill."

"It's a shame she won't be here because she was a leader with a lot of potential in the field of communication," reflected Arthur.

Danner was buried in the Pine Grove Cemetery in Corry, following a December 28 funeral.

It's a tradition for the Student Government Association to dedicate a book to SRU's Bailey Library in honor of students who pass away, said Sheila Couch, vice president of academic affairs for SGA. Couch explained she has contacted the communication department and they are working with her to come up with a book that will be appropriate to dedicate.

Holly Best, a community adviser in Kraus Hall, said various Kraus residents will be collecting donations in honor of Danner, who lived in Kraus during her time at SRU. Best said many volunteers from the first floor of the residence hall where Danner lived will be putting up signs and going door-to-door to collect donations, which will be given to a member of the Silks squad. Danner was actively involved in the group.

A scholarship fund was set up at the Corry Area High School, and Kasbee explained the scholarship would be given to an SRU student, possibly a member of the band.

Russell said the SRU Communication Department sent a contribution to the high school as a way to thank her family for "sharing their daughter with us."

Calendar

Friday, February 16

1-4pm Free pool at the Rec Desk in Memorial Hall
6-8pm Mysterious Eskimo Show on WNTE
10pm Zanzibar at the Hut

Saturday, February 17

1pm Women's Basketball at home with Cheyney
3pm Men's Basketball at home with Cheyney
3pm Charles Swartout/Timothy Eick Joint Senior Trumpet Recital in

Steadman Theater

7pm Wrestling at home with Kutztown Indoor Track & Field at Cornell University
10pm Zanzibar at the Hut

Sunday, February 18

3:30pm Stephen McEuen Faculty Trombone Recital in Steadman Theater
8pm Zanzibar at the Hut

Monday, February 19

4pm Flashlight meeting, 217 Memorial Hall

9pm Student Government Meeting, Memorial Hall

Tuesday, February 20
1pm Ebony Discussion Hour in the MLK Center, Memorial Hall
9pm MAC meeting in lower Memorial Hall
Sigma movie night at The HUT

Wednesday, February 21

6pm Women Basketball away at Kutztown
8pm Men's Basketball away at

Kutztown

11-1pm Free popcorn at the Rec Desk in Memorial Hall
6:30pm TV Club meeting, Allen Hall
9pm MAC Coffeehouse at the Hut

Thursday, February 22

International Discussion Hour in the MLK Center, Memorial Hall
8pm Symphonic Band Concert in Steadman Theater
Speaker, Dr. Will Keim (more info. forthcoming)

Students, faculty call for day care on campus

by Daniel Mendonça
Flashlight editor

Adequate child care facilities for students, staff, and faculty members have been an issue at Mansfield University for the past several years. Unfortunately, budget constraints always seem to prevent MU from providing child care for its community.

This December Associate Professor, Dr. Jan Fuller and Associate Professor Dr. Sandra Woolley began working on a Rural Service Grant for the installation of a rural day care facility. Because of North Hall's restoration, spaces will be available for this type of campus service, said Lynn Pifer, assistant professor and co-director for the women's studies program at MU.

"The administration does not seem to feel that having a child care facility is a priority worthy of its expense," Pifer said.

According to Pifer, last week was

the start of another difficult battle with the administration on the issue of providing child care services for the campus. A petition was distributed around campus, sponsored by the Women's Studies, APSCUF Gender Issues Committee, AFSCME Executive Committee, English faculty, education faculty, and concerned students.

"Over 100 petitions were distributed in the first day, and the response of student groups to pass (the petitions) around was so far overwhelming," Pifer said. "I see the petition drive as an encouragement to the administration to see that there is a need for it."

Vice President of Administration and Finance, William Yost, said that the administration has looked at potential uses of existing facilities on campus to establish a day care, but there were difficulties concerning a facility site.

"Past experiences with child day care in locations such as the Home Economics building, and Retan Center were proven to be inefficient due to lack of parking space," Yost said.

The administration believes that



photo by Sam Cleveland

Zoe Sullivan-Blum in her crib in her mother, English Professor, Louise Sullivan Blum's office. On-campus child care hasn't been offered at MU in six years.

they would have to build a new facility in order to have a day care on campus, Yost said.

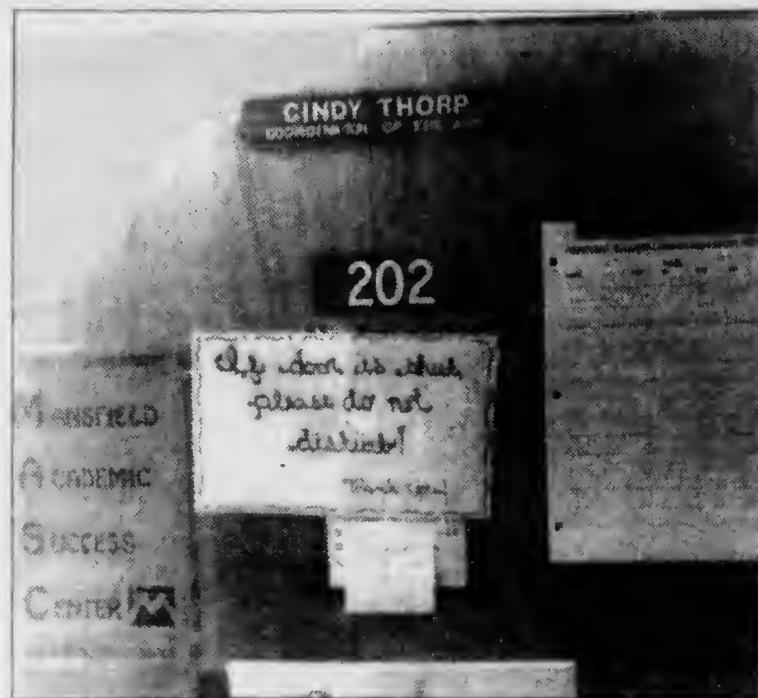
As Yost explained, the administration found a space across from the commuter parking lot which would be ideal for

the new facility, however the building cost eliminates any possibility at this point.

Associate Provost, Dr. Sandra Linck, who was the head of a committee that worked on a similar project about four

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Academic Success Center faces an uncertain future



The door may soon be closing the tutoring services provided by the Academic Success Center.

by Matt Peterson
managing editor

Currently the future of the Academic Success Center of Mansfield University is not entirely certain. While changes may be implemented in the center which provides students with tutoring and academic services, rumors that the center might close next semester are false according to Rod Kelchner, MU president.

"I don't anticipate closing the center," Kelchner said. "However, it could be cut back."

One position that might be lost or at least altered is the position of instructor of academic and human development. The position is currently occupied by Cindy Thorp who took the position in January of 94 on a tempo-

rary full time basis and has had her contract renewed twice since then.

Currently Thorp heads and trains the 21 tutors who work in the academic success center. However, due to administration procedures and decisions, she may not be returning next semester.

"My position is up in the air," Thorp said. "I would like to stay here though."

William Chabala, chairperson of academic and human development, maintains that the administration decision about renewing Thorp's contract has nothing to do with her performance and that in fact she has done an adequate job.

"I have no complaints about her work. I think she has implemented some good

changes," Chabala said. "However, the administration does not usually extend a contract for three years."

It is also possible that Thorp's position will be cut all together and that the tutoring services available at the center might be decentralized, Chabala said. If this occurs, Chabala says that the university will still provide tutoring in other fashions.

"The university is committed to tutoring services, whether they are in the center or anywhere else," Chabala said.

This may mean that students may have to go to their individual departments and obtain department tutors if they need help, Chabala said.

University departments such as the math and science de-

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Applicants needed to fill vacant student trustee position

by Kate A. Griffith
Flashlight editor

Mansfield University's student body seems to show little interest in who fills the student position on the Board of Trustees.

The deadline for applications to be nominated student trustee is Feb. 23, but as of Feb. 21, there were only two applicants.

Due to this lack of applicants, the deadline has been extended to March 1 to allow other students the opportunity to apply for the position, according to psychology major, Erin Sember, MU's student trustee of a year and a half. Sember is heading the committee to nominate her replacement since she will be graduating in May.

The Board of Trustees, which consists of 11 people, votes on decisions dealing with anything from academics to whether professors receive tenure to evaluating the performance of the MU President Rod Kelchner.

The student position on the board was created to allow the student body to have a voice in the board's decisions, Kelchner said.

"This is a trustee position that was designed for a student," Kelchner said. "The student trustee has the same authority and responsibilities as any other board member."

The role of the student trustee is to attend all board and trustee meetings, which are held bimonthly, Sember said.

"By attending the meetings, you represent the student body," Sember

said. "It's so important to try your best to represent all of the students."

According to Sember, there are several criteria to be eligible for the student trustee position. Applicants must be a full time student with a grade point average of 2.5 or higher and have completed 30 credits by the end of this semester.

The student trustee holds the position for up to four years, or until he or she graduates.

"The applicants should be enthusiastic with good interpersonal skills," Sember said.

Sember's biggest struggle as the student trustee was making herself available to the ideas of the student body.

"I've tried really hard to publicize myself so that people knew they could come to me with their concerns,"

Sember said.

One way that Sember conquered this difficulty was by attending Student Government Association meetings every week.

"A lot of issues that won't come to you will go to SGA," Sember said.

The committee that is in charge of nominating three individuals for the trustee position consists of Sember, four students who are elected by SGA, Kelchner and one board member.

The guidelines for the committee are set up by Act 188 from the Enabling Legislation for the State System of Higher Education. According to the guidelines, no faculty are allowed on the committee.

The committee then sends its see TRUSTEE, page 4

Student Voices

by Sam Cleveland

Q. "What is your opinion of the new withdrawal policy?"



Tony Shahmoradi
Senior

"I think it is very unfair to challenged students such as myself. It would be a blatant miscarriage of justice to do such a thing."



Ruthie Mase
Senior

"15 weeks gives a student a chance to give the class their best shot and yet withdraw to not ruin their GPA!"



Michelle Cuff
Junior

"I doubt five weeks will actually make much difference. However, I don't remember being informed by the university or voting on it."



Ed Fell
Sophomore

"It is unfair to students. If we pay for school, we should be able to drop a class whenever we want."

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years ago, had an estimated budget between one hundred and one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to build a facility for child day care.

"The administration would have to go back and look at it (the budget)," Linck said. "We also have to have hired staff; we can't run a day care based on volunteer service."

According to Linck, former home economics department chair-person, the day care center rented space at the home economics building for over 25 years. After the department was eliminated and the building was remodeled to receive new computer labs, the day care was eliminated.

"About four years ago we (administration) had around \$30,000 set aside in order to start building the foundation for a new day care center," Linck said. "However, because of a budget short fall, the state had to retract some of the allocated funds for MU, and the \$30,000 was part of it."

As Linck explained, the state allocation for MU's budget corresponds to less than half of its total.

"There's nothing that depresses me more than the budget," Linck said. "We got shot down because of the budget, but we are going to reactivate the original committee and include new members."

According to Louise Sullivan-Blum, associate professor, child care is long overdue on this campus.

"It is obvious that I have a particular interest in the subject considering that I just had a baby," Sullivan-Blum said. "It (day care) brings to this campus another aspect of diversity, it would make this campus a richer place."

As Sullivan-Blum explained, if child care was a priority for the administration, they would find a facility. Employers all over the country are trying to meet employee needs in order for them to perform better, she said.

"Every time I leave my daughter

Zoe at the day care, I feel like I am leaving a piece of myself," Sullivan-Blum said. "It is just absurd that we don't have a day care on campus."

Assistant Professor and Co-Director of the Women's Commission Dr. Andrea Harris also finds the idea of a day care on campus a very important issue.

"It is unfortunate that this country doesn't see child day care as a priority," Harris said. "I realized the importance of a day care when students started to bring their children to the classroom."

As Linck stated, non-traditional students are her major concern. In order to find how many students with children are enrolled at MU, Linck intends to deliver a survey to students at registration time in order to have an accurate figure.

Junior studio art major Melodie Gum, was told that MU had a child day care before she enrolled as a student. Because day care does not exist on campus, she has to pay over \$200 per week in order to have her child taken care of in her hometown, Canton PA.

"If we had child day care on campus, I could visit my daughter Mariah between classes," Gum said. "The hardest part is that my daughter is away from me ten to twelve hours a day."

Criminal justice major Melissa Decker, a junior, also agrees with the necessity of a child day care on campus.

"I think it is a positive step forward," Decker said. "Many students have a very complicated schedule, and a day care would be a good way for them to see their children during the day."

Gum said that a child day care on campus is absolutely necessary because non-traditional students represent at least one third of the students on campus, and many of them have children.

"My daughter spends so much time away from me, that she complains," Gum said. "Being a single parent is not easy, and having her here with me would be a treat for both of us."

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parts already have independent tutors, Chabala said. People should understand that the academic success center provides more than just tutoring services.

However, Chabala himself favors a centralized tutoring system because of its stationary position and convenience to students.

"If given the right resources, I'd prefer a centralized system because it would benefit the students more," Chabala said.

Kelchner maintains that the university is sympathetic to the needs of the students, but that the department of academics, like all other departments, is subject to change.

"You try to take the resources you have and match them to the student's needs," Kelchner said. "The general purpose of the department is to provide academic support for the students."

Kelchner claims though that not every decision that is made is always the best one.

"You have to gamble sometimes," Kelchner said. "You have to try to find a system that is successful somewhere else and then model yourself after it and hope for the best."

According to Kelchner, if Thorp's position is kept, the position will most likely be open to all applicants as a tenure track position and that anyone, including Thorp, can apply for the position.

Thorp herself understands the university politics involved with her position, but she hopes that the center can maintain the success she feels it has achieved.

"I think the center is working great," Thorp said. "I know we have helped students. I have seen the results and they

have been very positive results."

Other professors and tutors feel that the center is running smoothly as well and they hope that it stays that way.

Biology professor, Ralph Goff, hopes that the tutoring services are kept in the center and he feels that the location of the tutoring services is very important.

"I think pretty highly of the center and my students use the services available there often," Goff said. "I feel that if you take the tutoring out of the academic success center, you are pretty much castrating the center."

Dr. Richard Feil of the Psychology department also regards the center and its tutoring services highly.

"My experiences with the center have been very positive," Feil said. "For the marginal students, the center is crucial."

Philosophy tutor for the center, Heather Madden, also supports keeping the tutoring where it is.

"I think it seems like a good idea to keep it where it is because it is centralized and easy for students to find," Madden said. "I would like to see the departments publicize the services more."

Thorp, whether she returns or not, would like to see some renovations continue next year in the center. She would like to see more technological advances happen and she would like to see the center used by students more.

If Thorp is not asked to return, she will consider going back to teaching elementary education or possibly work for the higher education system somewhere else or go back to school to obtain her doctorate.

Red Cross blood drive to be held Wednesday

by Matt Peterson
managing editor

The Tioga County Chapter of the Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at Mansfield University this Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 11:45 A.M. to 5:45 P.M. in North Dining Hall.

The drive is being held to collect student blood donations for crisis situations and medical purposes, said Tom Johnston, assistant director of Student Activities and campus coordinator of the blood drive.

According to Barb McRath, executive director of the Tioga County chapter of the Red Cross, the goal for

this semester's blood drive is 200 units of blood. She feels this is a fair goal for a campus with three thousand students. However, students are not always aware of how important their donations are and often do not take the time to donate.

"Without people's donations, we cannot keep the blood supply up," McRath said. "You can not always expect the blood to be there."

One blood donation can serve many because the blood is sectioned into four parts; red and white blood cells, platelets, and plasma, all of which can go to different people, McRath said.

"Essentially one pint of blood can save four lives," McRath said.

The Red Cross and campus of-

ficials hope that more blood will be donated this semester. This would help the Red Cross during a time of blood shortages.

"I'd like to go over our goal," Johnston said. "We haven't made our goal since 1987."

If the Tioga County Red Cross continuously falls under goal, they may see a reduction in their funding from the national organization, McRath said.

Despite the low donation numbers of the past few years, those involved with the bloodmobile have high hopes for the drive.

"I feel pretty good about this one," Johnston said. "You get these vibes that people are anxious to help with the

blood drive."

McRath said that she hopes the increased amount of advertising done this year will result in higher donation numbers.

"I think the response is going to be good," McRath said. "We put up more posters than usual and word of mouth has been good."

While the biggest contributors to the drive are the donors, Johnston is expecting a good number of volunteers to help the event run smoothly.

According to Johnston, approximately 65-70 volunteers will be working the event, many of which will be volunteers from MU fraternities and sororities.

MU police officer starts child safety seat program

by Kate A. Griffith
Flashlight editor

How often have you driven down the road and seen young children riding in cars without the protection of a safety seat?

Doug Thomas, a Mansfield University campus police officer, had this experience too many times, so he decided to take action and start a local child safety car seat program.

The child safety seat program loans car seats for a \$10 deposit fee to those who need them but can't afford the investment. The \$10 is returned when the participants return the safety seats.

"It could be because some parents can't afford a safety seat for their kids or it could just be neglect, but I've seen too many kids bouncing from seat to seat without being buckled in," Thomas said. "I was concerned enough to want to make sure that seats are available for these kids."

Thomas took the matter to CRASH, a local organization concerned with highway safety. It was there he learned that although other states have safety seat loan programs in place, no one had taken the steps to implement the program in the Commonwealth.

Pennsylvania's "Law of Love" states that all children from birth to age four must be in an approved car seat when riding in a vehicle, according to Angela Stanton, program assistant of the PA chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Those who violate this law

are subject to fines totaling nearly \$100. "It's not the fines we're worried about," Thomas said. "We want people to be worried about their kids' safety."

Some people think too casually about driving, Thomas said.

"You could get in an accident anytime, anywhere," Thomas said. "If you have your child in the proper safety seat, you're reducing the chance of your child being injured in an accident."

Thomas sought nearby help before developing the program. He gathered information on developing a child safety seat program from the Comprehensive Highway Safety Program in Williamsport. The local chapter of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity also volunteered to assist in getting the program off the ground.

The program in Mansfield will have six seats available. They are provided by the PA chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Nine members of Lambda Chi participated in a training session on Feb. 17 to show those who borrow the seats how to install them. Two seats were loaned, even though they had received 23 calls from people interested in the program. They still have four more seats they can loan out.

"I think people thought that all the seats would be gone," said Tom Marshall, a Lambda Chi brother.

The training session will be held again on Saturday, March 2.

According to Marshall, they are looking for local car dealerships and the



Photo provided

Senior Lambda Chi Alpha brother Tom Marshall and MU police officer Doug Thomas display one of the child safety seats now available in the Mansfield area.

state to provide more seats since the initial demand was so high.

Thomas said he plans to call the people using the car seats occasionally to make sure the seats are in proper working order.

"We want to make sure the seats are safe," Thomas said. "We would rather have them fixed than have children riding in unsafe restraints."

There are several things to con-

sider when you use a child safety seat, according to Stanton.

"You need to know if your child is in the right type of seat for his or her age and size," Stanton said. "Even when your kids are old enough to be out of safety seats, you should make sure they wear their seat belts."

Those in need of a child safety seat should contact Thomas at the campus police station.

Civil rights literary legacy discussed at forum

by Mindy Sue Morgan
staff reporter

"I have a dream," Dr. Martin Luther King said at the march on Washington in 1963. Has his dream come true?

This was the question Dr. Lynn Pifer, assistant professor in the English department, addressed to over 50 people at her lecture: "The Literacy Legacy of the Civil Rights Movement" on Feb. 20.

She began with part of King's "I Have A Dream" speech, claiming that most people are not familiar with it.

In the beginning of his speech, King is critical of America, Pifer said. He reminded everyone that the Emancipation Proclamation was signed over 100 years ago, but due to things like poverty and segregation, African Americans were still not free.

Pifer explained that most people see the Civil Rights Movement

as history: Rosa Parks' refusal to sit at the back of the bus, the Woolworth lunch counter sit-ins, and the march on Washington in 1963.

But the Civil Rights Movement is not in the past, as the Million Man March in 1995 showed, Pifer said.

"Only when we understand our past and our present can we understand whether or not King's dream is coming true," Pifer said.

We use King's birthday and national holidays to assure ourselves that the Civil Rights Movement is over and that King's dream has been achieved, Pifer said.

Pifer used various examples to demonstrate the concept that King's dream has not yet been achieved. When asked by the media why we celebrate King's birthday, a little girl replied, "Martin Luther King had a dream. It was for whites and blacks to live separately."

She said that the best way to attain King's dream is to make the Civil

Rights Movement more accessible and tangible.

Awareness of the Civil Rights Movement is becoming more readily available through PBS specials, movies, TV shows and books, Pifer said.

Pifer became involved in the Civil Rights Movement through literature and focused her discussion mainly on two novels, "1959" by Thulani Davis and "Your Blues Ain't Like Mine" by Bebe Moore Campbell. Both of these books show the effects of the Civil Rights Movement.

Pifer emphasized three major historical events that appear in Davis and Campbell's books: the Brown vs. Board of Education in 1954, the Woolworth lunch counter sit-ins in 1960, and the Emmett Till Trial in 1955.

The books show how ordinary people can become changed by the movement even if they don't become involved, Pifer said. They also force us to see how entrenched racism is in soci-

ety, Pifer said and emphasized her points with film clips of three historical events.

There were several questions and comments after the lecture. One student was concerned that people today are not familiar with historical civil rights issues.

"You keep saying we need to remember, we need to remember," Amy Hackett said to Pifer, "but I think it's sad that some of the people in this room didn't know at all."

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African American dance ensemble performs at Mansfield

by Gene Yager
wire editor

Mansfield University was visited on Feb. 16 by Sankofa, an African dance and drum ensemble from the state university of New York College at Brockport.

Sankofa, which is a symbolic Ghanaian expression, is represented by a bird with its head turned backwards, which symbolizes looking to the past.

The ensemble, which consisted of drums, singing and dancing, got the audience clapping along in unison more than once.

Annie Cooper, Director of Multi-Cultural affairs, enjoyed the event.

"It was a different program than I was used to," Cooper said, "but it was a good program."

Attendance for the Student Activities Office sponsored event was good, but Cooper would have liked to have seen more people there.

"(Attendance) was o.k., but I think it could have been better," Cooper said. "I think (low attendance) is student apathy."

According to a press packet distributed by Sankofa management, the dance and drum ensemble members represent the rich cultural heritage of Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, the Americas, and Africa that exists within their university community.

The program began with dancer Clyde G. Morgan announcing

what Sankofa was about, Sankofa's history, and what the program entailed.

Towards the end of the program, the Sankofa dancers came into the crowd, and chose audience members to join them on stage.

The audience members and the Sankofa dancers then ended the night with Ijexa, which are songs and dances performed throughout northern Brazil, in the context of Carnival.

The audience members who were chosen from the crowd performed Ijexa along with the ensemble.

North Hall renovation, department allocation discussed at SGA meeting

by James Moyer
staff reporter

This week, Student Government Association hosted faculty and administration speakers who addressed the organization on several issues.

Mansfield University Vice President William Yost spoke to the SGA about alterations that the university is currently undergoing.

"I'm really excited about being able to make thirty years of infrastructure improvements in such a short period of time," said Yost of the renovations.

The major improvement that Yost discussed involved the North Hall renovation project, in particular the re-allocation of space within the new Student Union in Alumni Hall.

According to Yost, after the current library is vacated, many student organizations and department offices will be moved, most notably the student organization offices currently housed on the second floor of Memorial Hall.

"Changes make you view things in a different light," Yost said.

Yost also pointed out possible moves for departments such as Campus Police, Admissions, and Public Relations. According to Yost, these moves are necessary in order to improve their visibility within the campus community.

"I'm really happy and really proud of what we're doing here," Yost said.

Also discussed was the planned revitalization of the current Recreation Center for instructional use, and the projected April ground breaking for the student fitness center.

Despite Yost's positive outlook, some student concerns were voiced during his presentation.

Of the concerns brought up, the most notable was the rumored elimination of the tutorial services coordinators position currently held by Cindy Thorp.

Vice President of Student Affairs, Mr. Joseph Maresco, gave a response to this concern.

"Just because personality 'A' isn't here, that doesn't necessarily mean that what personality 'A' did isn't being done," Maresco said.

Maresco went on to reassure students that services would not suffer due to staff cutbacks brought on by the recent budget crunch.

Another problem that was brought to the attention of SGA was the lack of adequate space and facilities for many of MU's Art classes.

Dr. Richard Hamwi of the Art department spoke about his department's concerns over what they see as a lack of adequate space.

According to Hamwi, he would like to see the University either allow the Art classes to use larger rooms or set limitations on the number of students that are taught in the problem plagued facilities.

"I have a painting class that is taught in a room without windows," Hamwi said. "Many of my classes require natural light, which is not present in many of the small rooms now occupied by the Art department."

Among Hamwi's suggestions were the possible use of the Memorial game room for his classes once the Student Union is moved to Alumni Hall.

Other topics covered at the meeting were the proposed letter writing campaign implemented to lobby for increased state education funding. The suggested letter will be sent to parents of MU students to let them know about the campaign and how to lobby as well.

Other business included discussion about the possibility of a forum through which students can voice their legislative concerns. This would include a moderator and state and local congressional representatives.

Also addressed was the proposed Club Canada which has not been formally recognized as a student organization by SGA due to the questionable structure of the organization.

Police Beat

02/16/96

13:00 Report of theft in North Manser Dining Hall. VCR taken. No forced entry.

16:00 Unauthorized broadcasting of messages on MU network.

02/19/96

13:19 Report of attempted theft at library.

20:08 Smoke alarm activated in Maple A, fourth floor.

20:20 Report of assault and harassment.

02/20/96

01:34 Report of harassment and stalking.

21:01 Fire alarm activated.

22:16 Anonymous report of marijuana odor in dorm.

02/21/96

13:50 Motor vehicle accident on Clinton Street. Minor damage. No injuries. Both parties insured and information exchanged.

The MU Art Acquisition and Exhibition Committee is currently presenting a women's art exhibit in the art gallery in Manser Hall. Patrons will be asked to vote for their favorite exhibit. The exhibit will run through March 30.

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three recommended nominees to the chancellor, who chooses one nominee. The governor then considers the chancellor's nomination along with the other two nominees and makes the final decision, Kelchner said.

The committee must have its recommendation by April 1. It will be conducting its interviews on one of the last Saturdays in March, Sember said.

Sember has gotten a lot out of her tenure as student trustee.

"Not everything has gone the way I wanted it to in the time I've been a trustee," she said. "It hasn't always been easy, but there's some satisfaction

in knowing I've represented the student body."

According to Sember, students who are interested in the student trustee position should apply, regardless of whether they feel they are completely qualified or not.

"No matter what you're involved in or what your academic standing, if you're concerned about representing every student, you should apply," Sember said. "You don't have to have a 100% certain idea of what you're getting into; there's a lot you don't know until you get into it."

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Club Canada

Meeting Feb. 29

112 Belknap Hall

Come and go north!

A Canadian Studies information session will be held in the Executive Dining Room of Manser on Tues., March 5, beginning at 12:30. Students and faculty interested in the Canadian Studies at MU are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

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Where: Medley's, Market Street Corning

When: Thurs., Feb. 29 from 8 pm - 10 pm

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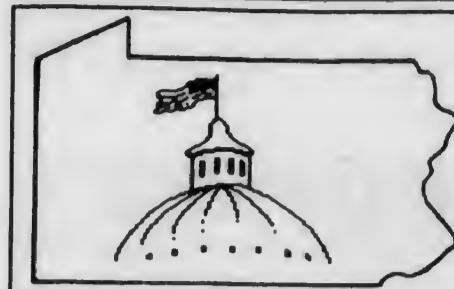
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Pennsylvania in the News

Northeast wages up slightly in '95, just ahead of inflation

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — If it feels like your paycheck is barely keeping up with rising prices, you're right.

Wages in the northeastern United States rose only slightly in 1995, keeping virtually even with inflation, according to government statistics released Friday.

Salaries, wages and benefits for private workers in the Northeast increased 2.9 percent last year. Inflation, measured in the Consumer Price Index, rose 2.8 percent over the same period, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

"It's a no-win, no-lose situation," said Alan Paisner, regional commissioner for the department's Bureau of Labor Statistics. "This is good news for employers. But for people trying to get ahead of the game, it may not be as good."

The increases are a far cry from the huge gains workers in the Northeast enjoyed in the late 1980s. In 1989 by comparison, wages and benefits rose 6.4 percent — almost double last year's increase. That growth kept well ahead of inflation.

It's been a steady decline since. In September 1995, wages and benefits increased at their lowest rate — 2.7 percent — since the bureau began measuring in 1982.

Paisner said the current cycle, which

began during the 1990-92 recession, shows no signs of ending.

"Traditionally the Northeast has higher-pay industries," he said. "But that has not held true for the past couple of quarters. Labor finds itself in a position where it cannot force big wage increases as it was able to do before."

For the United States, worker compensation rose 2.8 percent in 1995. All regions had about the same 12-month advance, ranging from 2.8 to 3.1 percent.

Nationwide, workers are making about 18 percent more than they were in June of 1990, according to the government. During an equal time span beginning in December 1984, wages and salaries increased 23 percent. In the Northeast the jump was even higher — 30.7 percent.

"It could be worse," Paisner said. "(Workers) could be falling behind. This shows the situation is not getting worse, but it is also not getting any better."

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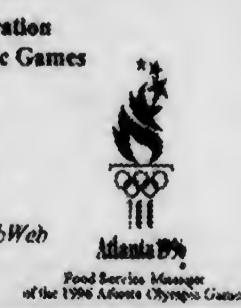
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Ridge administration wants to reject federal money for disabled infants

HARRISBURG (AP) — A rare birth defect robbed Michael Politzer-Hardy of half of his body, but the 2 1/2-year-old boy is almost ready for preschool — thanks in part to a state program that helps children born at a disadvantage.

Pennsylvania's Early Intervention program for handicapped infants and toddlers provides therapy, special instruction, and other assistance to thousands of children under age 3 each year.

The program helps children with developmental delays to catch up with their peers, enhancing the child's chances of a normal life and reaching his or her potential.

The Ridge administration believes the program is a success — but at too high a price. In the last five years, the average cost per child has jumped from \$4,000 to \$8,000 a year.

To get control of soaring costs, Gov. Tom Ridge wants to reject \$11 million in federal aid next year. That would free the state from having to follow federal rules that require more spending than the Ridge administration believes is reasonable.

Nancy Thaler, a deputy secretary at the Welfare Department, said the state can run a more efficient program without federal control, even if it means losing federal funds. The state also wants to limit the average amount spent per child to \$5,400.

"We need to be sure that we're meeting children's needs, but we need to be sure we're doing it in a cost-efficient manner," she said.

The state will help make up the difference next year by allocating an additional \$6.5 million to the program, boosting its contribution to \$41.6 million from \$35.1 million. The state will accept some federal money and the total available will drop to \$51 million from the current \$55 million, a 7.2 percent decline.

One federal rule that is contributing to escalating costs requires the state to provide children with all services recommended by a professional, Thaler said.

"We are unable to limit the number of services prescribed for a child or their frequency or duration," Thaler said. "The costs continue to escalate and we can't issue any guidelines or rules about how often therapy can be delivered and for what length of time."

Federal rules also bar the state from billing parents' insurance to help pay the costs without the parents' consent.

Critics say turning down federal money

would directly reduce the help available to help Pennsylvania's youngest and sickest children.

Rep. Ron Cowell, D-Allegheny, said he understands the administration's concern about increasing costs. What he does not understand is the administration's priorities.

"What disturbs me is we don't blink an eye when the costs for jails go through the roof," he said. "The state wants to put artificial limits on services available to children based on how much the state is willing to spend, not on how much the child needs."

Cowell, who was instrumental in creating the 1991 law governing the program, said Early Intervention is one of the smartest investments the state makes.

"We ought to continue investing in these children early in their lives so they have better lives and so there is less of a burden to taxpayers later on," he said.

The state expects the number of children enrolled in Early Intervention to reach 18,700 by the year 2000. Last year, 12,200 children were enrolled, including Michael Politzer-Hardy.

Born with Klippel-Trenaunay-Weber Syndrome, Michael has severely malformed legs and damaged abdominal organs. He has had surgery seven times since his birth in 1993; His latest operation occurred Thursday at Hershey Medical Center.

Despite all his health problems, Michael has made remarkable progress with the help of Early Intervention, said his mother, Geneva Politzer of Boiling Springs.

A physical therapist began working with Michael when he was only a few months old, manipulating his limbs so that he would eventually be able to crawl and sit up. His progress has been so good that he can now "cruise," or almost walk, by holding onto a wall or furniture for balance.

If his physical problems do not overtake him, Michael's mother believes he will eventually be able to go to school with his peers.

One of the best aspects of Early Intervention is that therapists work with each other and with parents to develop a plan that best suits the child, Politzer said.

"It's a whole program designed to maximize the child's greatest potential," she said. "We owe our children the best."

Ridge signs two more death warrants

HARRISBURG (AP) — Gov. Tom Ridge signed two death warrants Thursday for George Banks of Luzerne County and Lawrence Christy of Cambria County.

Commissioner of Corrections Martin F. Horn scheduled Banks' execution for 10 p.m. March 5 and Christy's execution for 10 p.m. March 12. Both men would die by lethal injection.

Banks, 53, is an inmate at Greene State Prison. He was sentenced to death for a bloody rampage in 1982 that left five of his children and eight other people dead.

This is the first execution warrant signed for Banks, a former Camp Hill prison guard, in the nine years since his conviction was upheld by the state Supreme Court.

Christy, 45, also an inmate at Greene, was sentenced in 1984 for the shooting death of James Volk, a night watchman at the Gallitzin American Legion in 1980.

A warrant was signed for Christy by former Gov. Robert P. Casey in 1992, but

was stayed by Cambria County Court of Common Pleas. Christy's appeal ended Oct. 2, 1995, when the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear his case.

These are the 36th and 37th warrants signed by Ridge. Two — the first since 1962 — were carried out last year.

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Around the Nation

Killer fungus attacks gypsy moth caterpillars

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Gypsy moths ate their way to record defoliation levels last year. But officials are hoping a fungus spreading through the pests' population will slow them down.

The fungus, *entomophaga maimaiga*, which kills gypsy moth caterpillars is the biological control officials have been hoping for to kill the pests that munched their way through record-high acreage in Kent and Sussex counties last year.

The fungus has been found in all three counties.

But officials won't know until June — at the peak of gypsy moth defoliation — what kind of impact the fungus will have in reducing the population of the pest that feeds on oak and other trees.

However, based on results in other states and in New Castle County, officials expect significantly reduced damage to woodlands this year.

New Castle County has always had low gypsy moth populations. But last year, the state only had to spray 32 acres as part of its gypsy moth suppression program. No spraying is scheduled for the county this year.

"That's the first time since the early 1980s that we haven't done a little bit of spraying in New Castle County and I think part of the reason is due to (the fungus)," said Donald Eggen, administrator of the Department of Agriculture's plant industries section.

New Jersey has seen significant reductions in damage to forest land because of the fungus.

For example, in 1990, gypsy moths defoliated 431,000 acres in New Jersey, that state's second highest defoliation on

record. With the spread of the fungus, which first appeared in New Jersey in 1989, gypsy moth damage dropped to 170,000 acres in 1991 and 17,800 acres in 1994. It was up again last year to 39,600 acres, but still far short of earlier record levels.

"So we're certainly well below what the potential of this pest used to be before this fungus began controlling the pest," said John D. Kegg, bureau chief of plant, pest and disease control in the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

Other states that have experienced high gypsy moth mortality due to the fungus are Maryland, Pennsylvania, Michigan and West Virginia.

Last year in Delaware, gypsy moths were responsible for record woodland losses in Kent and Sussex counties. In Kent County, 35,581 acres were defoliated, while Sussex County suffered defoliation on 29,849 acres.

Eggen said last year's record defoliation was due mainly to an increase in the gypsy moth population.

"We had had some dry weather and it spread to the southeastern part of the state in new areas and built up enough to cause defoliation," Eggen said.

"It's finally spread everywhere in Delaware," he said. "In my opinion, it reached a peak in 1995. So with this fungus disease ... I'm hoping it will be on the downslide."

This spring, the state plans to spray 46,602 acres, down from more than 60,000 acres that qualified for treatment last year. Of this year's sprayed, 41,747 acres are privately owned and the remaining acreage is state-owned land.

GENEVA (AP) — Preliminary blood tests on patients with a hemorrhagic fever in a remote African village make it "highly likely" that the disease is the lethal Ebola virus, the World Health Organization said Friday. Confirmation was expected on Monday. So far ten people have died from the disease, at least nine are infected, and another four are under observation, the U.N. health agency said. All of the patients are from the village of Mayibout in a sparsely populated area in northern Gabon, on the west coast of Africa. They were admitted to a hospital on Feb. 5 and 6 with high fever, bloody diarrhea and severely reddened eyes. An epidemic in Zaire last year infected 316 people and killed 245. A single case of Ebola was confirmed in the Ivory Coast in December. The patient survived.

RANGOON, Burma (AP) — Burma's democracy movement is gaining strength behind the scenes, despite a campaign of arrests and intimidation by the military government, says dissident leader Aung San Suu Kyi. "The National League for Democracy is not a spent force," the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize winner said of her political party during a recent interview with The Associated Press. But it is getting harder for Mrs. Suu Kyi to send that mes-

sage. The military has told foreign leaders and diplomats, such as Australian Prime Minister Paul Keating, that they are not welcome in Burma to see Mrs. Suu Kyi, freed from house arrest in July. Some say time is working against the democracy movement and Mrs. Suu Kyi is losing credibility. Meanwhile, the military is arming itself, using funds from foreign investment.

LONDON (AP) — Burundi's "low-intensity war" has escalated to civil war and world leaders are to blame, U.N. special envoy Paulo Pinheiro said Friday. "Europe and the United States are always waiting for a genocide, for a catastrophe," Pinheiro said, urging urgent action. "A hundred thousand corpses are not enough?" To quell violence in the small Central African country, the international community should immediately send more human-rights observers and Organization of African Unity troops, the U.N. special rapporteur said. Pinheiro will submit his recommendations to the U.N. Commission on Human Rights in Geneva on March 4-15. Fighting surged in Burundi in late 1993, when soldiers of the Tutsi-controlled army assassinated the country's first Hutu president.

NATO troops detain eleven in Sarajevo

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP)

With Bosnian Serbs and the government complaining of tensions severely testing the peace, NATO troops detained 11 people Thursday in a roundup highlighting the continued presence of foreign fighters in Bosnia in violation of the agreement to end the war.

The men were found with a large quantity of weapons, ammunition and explosives in a house west of Sarajevo, NATO said late Thursday.

Under the Dayton peace agreement, all such forces were to have withdrawn from Bosnia by Jan. 19.

"The facts, so far, strongly suggest a serious violation (of the peace agreement) ... that prohibits the presence of foreign forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina," NATO said.

All the men were being held for further investigation, NATO spokesman Maj. Peter Bulloch said.

At least five of the detainees were Iranians who were believed to have left Bosnia earlier, said a senior State Department official in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The group had been plotting to attack NATO installations in the former Yugoslav republic, the official said.

NATO officials refused to say if the group was detained on territory controlled by the Muslim-Croat federation or Serb-held land. Virtually all territory west of Sarajevo is under Bosnian government or Bosnian Croat rule.

A prominent Bosnian Serb leader, Nikola Koljevic, warned Thursday that the government's arrest of two Serb military officers on Jan. 30 and their extradition to a war crimes tribunal on Monday had thrown the peace accord agreement into crisis. Infuriated, the Serbs this week they cut off all contact with the NATO-led force that is enforcing the peace accord signed two months ago.

The United States, the main force behind the peace agreement, and its allies have summoned the three Balkan leaders who signed the pact to Rome for a weekend emergency summit on keeping the treaty from collapsing.

Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke, who brokered the agreement, suggested Bosnian Serbs could face NATO punishment if they continue defying the accord.

"People who have tested NATO resolve in the past know that that resolve is very real," Holbrooke told reporters in Paris. Bosnian Serb rebel forces were repeatedly targeted by NATO airstrikes last summer for violating cease-fire agreements.

The vehemence of the Serb actions has overshadowed other peace obstacles, including the increasingly shaky alliance of Muslims and Croats. Under the peace accord, the Serbs and the Muslim-Croat federation each are to control roughly half of Bosnia.

But Bosnia's U.N. ambassador, Muhammed Sacirbey, said in an interview Thursday that "the biggest disappointment ... has been the failure of the federation to take life."

He said there is no freedom of movement within the federation, much less between federation territory and Serb-held lands.

"The biggest danger to the peace process is the situation in Mostar," the southwestern city still bitterly divided between Muslims and Croats, he said.

Tensions in the divided southwestern city have persisted because Croats refused to accept a decision by European Union administrator Hans Koschnick, who drew city boundaries allowing for one controversial joint central district. Koschnick recently was attacked by a Croat mob.

Under the 1994 U.S.-pushed agreement forming the federation, Muslims and Croats agreed to have Mostar run under EU auspices until it could be reunified.

A hundred Croatian policemen arrived in Mostar on Thursday to assist Bosnian Croat police, said Josko Moric, the deputy Croatian interior minister.

But the European Union didn't want them there, and their future role was unclear. "Our opinion is that there is no basis for such a mission," said EU spokesman Dragan Gasic.

Sacirbey also said Serb-led Yugoslavia's refusal to establish diplomatic ties with Bosnia, and the continued authority of the Bosnian Serb political and military leaders, Radovan Karadzic and Gen. Ratko Mladic, were other key problems.

The Rome summit on Saturday and Sunday is to include Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic, Croatian President Franjo Tudjman and Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic.

"It's no wonder that this meeting was called, because the crisis is obvious," Nikola Koljevic, a top Bosnian Serb official, said in an interview with Associated Press Television. "The media war and the arresting of two Serb officers is the biggest obstacle to the implementation of the ... agreement as far as the Serbian side is concerned."

In a stark reminder of how the peace has deteriorated, a woman riding a bus across front lines on the edge of Sarajevo was wounded in the neck late Thursday as the vehicle passed through Serb-held Ilijza, said spokesmen for the NATO-led peace force. She was the third sniping victim in two days.

Serbs, particularly around Sarajevo, oppose the peace deal because it provides for Serb-held districts in and around the city to be put under control of the federation in a reunified capital.

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Changes must accompany new withdrawal policy

The administration has decided to revise the withdrawal policy. Students are now no longer allowed to wait until the last day of the semester to drop classes.

Taking this option away from students will be a detriment to them. What happens if a student does not realize that he or she will fail the class until late in the semester? The student will be stuck with a failing grade. Maybe the new policy will encourage students to work harder, but it is more likely that more students will be forced to drop out due to bad grades in general education classes.

Another problem occurs when students decide to change their major in the middle of the semester. They will be stuck in classes that they don't need and might even end up failing. These students will then have failures on their transcripts unless they follow university guidelines and retake the class, even though they no longer need it to graduate.

The argument for changing the policy is that students take classes and don't take them seriously. This is very true but can a professor realistically expect a student who is forced into a general education class to work to his/her highest potential?

There are two factors that force students into classes that they are likely to drop. These are the general education requirements and registration. Students are given a list of classes that they must take, then they cannot get into them. They are then forced into classes that they know they cannot handle, thus the deluge of withdrawal slips.

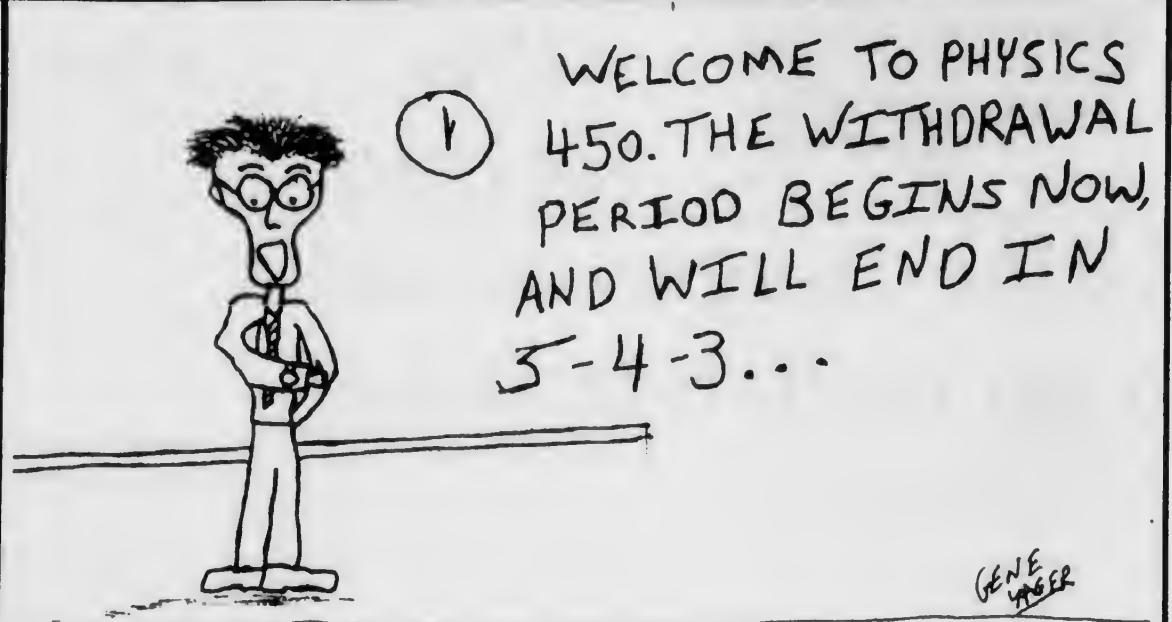
If the administration is going to cut the withdrawal period, other steps need to be taken to help students stay in their classes. First, the general education requirements need to be revised. This is where most of the withdrawals occur because students don't feel that they are as relevant to their future careers as the major classes are. We feel that professors should be a little more lenient when grading the students in the 100 level courses. Granted, we understand how important these general education classes are to our education; however, we feel they're not the real reason why we are here. We are studying to become professionals in our chosen major.

Secondly, registration needs to be changed. Instead of setting classes before registration, the records office should find out what classes students are interested in. They should then set up the master schedule. This way, students will be able to get classes that they are less likely to drop.

If students decide to change their major, they should be given the option to withdraw from any classes in the old major. The rationale is that a change of major implies that the students are no longer interested in their classes and they would just take up space in the class.

Commentary policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary you may turn it in to the Flashlight office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writer's name, major, class and phone number. Non-students are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week, we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.



A FAREWELL TO G.P.A.'s

Academics not a reason for animal abuse

I will always remember the small, dead, squint-eyed, black and pink, piglet I purchased in a see-through plastic pouch for \$9 from a shelf at the back of the campus bookstore. I remember tying the four tiny cloven hooves to the edge of the dissection tray with rubber bands, and the animal lying there prostrate, splay-legged, tongue protruding. I remember the first incision down, the chest and belly, the soft skin splitting open.

My pig was just one of some six million vertebrate animals killed that year in the United States for use in dissections. This year will be no different. New shipments of cats from the streets and shelters, frogs from the marshes, dogfish from the gill nets, and fetal pigs from the slaughterhouse will arrive for the general biology or the comparative anatomy courses. Dissecting trays will be pulled out of cupboards and slithery, lifeless bodies will be plunked onto them. Sometime this spring or fall, the smell of formaldehyde will permeate the biology halls as the annual ritual of dissection is once again carried out.

In many physiology labs, too, the life will flicker and die out from sentient creatures while students look on with mixed emotions. Pithing probes and circular saws will invade the bodies of frogs and turtles so that their still-moving body

parts can be watched and manipulated. Once again, animals will be made lifeless, both literally and symbolically. Their bodies will be used and then discarded.

I also remember asking myself if all of this is okay. Should an animal die so that I can see exactly how a pancreas connects to a small intestine? Does my education justify the gassing of a stray, abandoned or lost cat, the "harvesting" of wild frogs, or the exsanguination (bleeding out) of a pregnant mother pig? Will this exercise foster respect for the environment in my generation of policy makers? Is it possible to affirm life while extinguishing it? I eventually answered "no."

By the time I was a graduate student teaching biology labs, I made sure my students gave thought to these matters and decided for themselves whether they would dissect. Many of them wouldn't. They had to submit a statement to the course coordinator explaining their objection to the exercise, and they had to study the organisms using alternative materials and take the exam like all the other students.

The conscientious objectors didn't buy a pig, they didn't dissect, and they did well on the exam. To this day I find it ironic that it is the student who chooses not to participate in the destruction of an animal's life who must just

tify his or her position, when the converse would seem to make more sense.

If you are to take a course in which animals will be harmed, you, too, should not be led to believe that you need do so to become a good scientist. As a student and as a human being, you are entitled to an education consistent with your sincere beliefs, and there are many ways to learn animal structure and function that don't involve the termination of an animal's life. Today, there is an abundance of computer programs, CD-ROMs, videodiscs, models, self-study modules, charts and manuals to help you learn without harming any animals. The Humane Society of the United States can provide you with a list of a dozen published reports showing that students learn anatomy, and other biology lessons, equally or better using alternatives than they do by dissecting animals or harming them in other ways.

It is only by speaking out that you will make a difference. As your college experience unfolds, invest in it with your conscience as well as your mind. If you believe it's time for a change in how animals fit into college education, do your part to bring about change. As Margaret Mead once said: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

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Letters to the editor policy

The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is not willing to take responsibility for the letter's content. So, why should we?

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Commentary

On the heels of Lamar Alexander's campaign



Dave Barry

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa — I ventured out to this area, which gets its name from the fact that it is west of Des Moines, to catch up with the campaign of Lamar Alexander. He spoke at a breakfast meeting of the Optimist Club, a group of people devoted to being cheerful even though they meet at 7 a.m., a time when professional journalists are usually deciding whether to

have one last beer before calling it a night.

The breakfast was held in a smallish room crammed with about 100 Iowans and what appeared to be 200 TV news crews elbowing each other out of the way in a desperate competition to get crucial footage of Iowans eating eggs. Hanging at the front of the room was a banner that said, in huge letters, "LAMAR!"

To my mind the banner was a mistake, because it points up Alexander's major weakness; namely, his name is "Lamar." This is not a studly, presidential-sounding name like "Abe Lincoln" or "Steve Forbes." I think Lamar needs a nickname, and in a generous effort to help him out, I'm going to give him one.

"Rock" Alexander gave a nice talk, which the Iowans could sometimes catch glimpses of between the butts of TV camera crews capturing the event for posterity. Rock stressed his experience, noting that he had served as the governor of Tennessee and in that capacity had, on several occasions, spoken per-

sonally with Minnie Pearl. He also revealed where he stands on the key issues of this campaign:

1. Hates Washington? — CHECK

2. In favor of the family? — CHECK

3. Will provide Leadership? — CHECK

Rock is also an accomplished pianist, and after his talk he entertained the Optimists by playing the Snoop Doggy Dogg song "Ain't No Fun (If the Homies Can't Have None)."

No, I'm kidding. He played "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and "God Bless America." Afterward, however, he told the news media that he once performed "Great Balls of Fire" with a symphony orchestra, and for a dramatic finale he kicked the piano bench off the stage. Get down, Lamar!

While at the breakfast I took the extreme journalistic step of talking with an actual Iowan, Dave Songstad, a corn scientist who creates new, improved corn by messing around with its DNA.

"Corn has DNA?" I asked.

Songstad confirmed that it does; in fact, it has the same basic DNA material as humans. This means that scientists might some day develop a hybrid organism that is part human, part corn plant, although there would be no point, since we already have Kato Kaelin.

Speaking of agriculture: I went to the Des Moines convention center to see the Power Farming Show, which consisted of hundreds of farmers wearing jeans and baseball caps walking around admiring farm machines the size of federal buildings. I am talking about machines that go WAY beyond mere tractors; these are humongous, scary-looking, Death-Star-like things with names like "Bristle Auger Combine Header Transport S-Tine Cultivator." These are labor-saving devices: When a soybean plant sees one of these big babies rumbling toward it across the field, it becomes so terrified that it yanks its roots out of the ground and harvests its own self.

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Student input appreciated in new institutional plan

Sandra Linck
Associate Provost

The president has given me the charge to develop a new institutional plan for Mansfield. I want to do this with the collective wisdom of the entire campus.

As we did previously, everyone who wants to be included in the process can be. You will have several avenues for your participation. You may contribute ideas indirectly through your leadership for Senate, The Academic Planning

Committee, and through the union leadership on campus. You may communicate directly with a letter or a position paper describing elements you think important for our next plan.

I want to add some other opportunities as well. I am encouraging special interest groups to form, and advisory groups to submit suggestions. If you wish to form a special interest group please give me a call. Several are already forming in the areas of globalization, environment, and technology. Some advisory groups such as the Computer Advisory Committee have already promised to make a contribution. This must

not be my plan, it must be everyone's plan.

During the rest of this semester and the summer I will be doing the "environmental scan" to determine the trends and concerns that will contribute to the Assumptions portion of the plan. The information gathering form individuals and groups will take place in the fall. The work on the final draft, as well as information gathering will be done with the help of the Academic Planning Committee. This is a part of their charge from Senate.

The intent is to make this a specific action plan for 2-3 years. Quite

possibly we will retain some or all of the over-arching goals in the existing plan (primacy of teaching and learning, commitment to diversity in its broadest sense, and the need to bring in other money in addition to state funding); however, we will identify specific goals and a plan of action to complete them.

Clearly we are in a time of transition for the campus. We have enormous challenges and we have significant talent. We must collectively chart our future directions. Consider this a personal invitation, even though it is a formal letter. We need you.

Thank you.

Give me that old-time religion—and legalized gambling

associated press

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Your best bet this year? Put your money on legalized gambling in Louisiana. It's here to stay, folks, at least as long as dollars are to be made.

Look for the Legislature to talk tough but carry a rubber stick. When it's all over, they'll say they have done something wonderful.

And the dice will continue to roll.

Lawmakers probably will give you local option. To really look tough, they may do away with the mini casino operations known as truck stops — maybe.

A statewide referendum on gambling was in trouble from the minute it was mentioned in the last campaign for governor.

What will local option mean? It means most parishes that do not have casinos probably will ban gambling. As my dad is so fond of saying, "You don't miss what you ain't got much of anyway."

Parishes that are raking in the profits from the riverboats — even those in the Bible Belt — will probably keep them. "Dollars spend better than Bibles,"

Dad told me. He should know. He once tried to sell a Gideon Bible he found in his hotel room — or so he said.

Look at the Shreveport area, which years ago touted itself as the city of churches and was the buckle of the state's Bible belt.

They fought Edwin Edwards when he supported a race track.

The track was built just down the road from the biggest Baptist church in Bossier City.

When the first horse left the gate, the area legislators were screaming for even more racing days. They could not get enough!

Riverboat casinos now clog the Red River. You can hardly find a hotel room approaching the weekends. Business is so fine up there even a Catholic priest announced he was accepting poker chips in the collection plate.

Do you really think they're going to vote out gambling?

Who knows about Baton Rouge. Some sick minds recently burned several predominantly black churches in the area. Who showed up with fat checks to help rebuild them? The video poker truck stop casinos.

There are some prosperous churches and businesses in Baton Rouge. Apparently they didn't show up with checks. If they did, they didn't get the

publicity. The truck stops stole that show. Generally, protestant ministers damn gambling as the work of the devil.

"The devil don't look so bad when he carries a thick wallet," old Dad chuckled.

Is this a new religion? Well, the industry has been almost evangelical recently in packing its employees and friends into public hearings on gambling.

The industry's friends at those hearings say they want local option.

The industry boys had been against local option, killing it in the Legislature last year. Then they began getting some bad publicity. Statewide referendum reared its head. Now, local option doesn't sound bad at all to the boys with the dice.

At a Lafayette hearing, one businessman making money from the industry said a statewide vote would not be fair. "Why should New Orleans tell Lafayette what to do? Let Lafayette do what it wants. Let New Orleans do what it wants."

Can you argue with that? A Baptist minister tried at the Lafayette hearing. He was booed by an audience wearing casino pins.

Come to think of it, the local option argument was used by Jefferson Davis.

Even if Louisiana voters did

away with gambling, what would be accomplished? Not much.

Louisiana has three bet-your-rent-money palaces operated by Indian tribes. Few even knew Louisiana had Indian tribes until the state readied itself for a gambling explosion. A fourth tribe is already drawing casino construction plans.

They have seven year compacts with the state. Although there are differing views on how a referendum might affect them, the best bet is that they would continue to roll the dice — regardless.

"You know, you're part Chickasaw," my dad told me. "Why don't you own a casino?"

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Unmentionables

Justification of religion and Atheism

Ian Kaiser
staff discordian

Religion. It's not something you can buy or sell (unless you're a Televangelist). It is often a matter of faith, usually a matter of personal choice, and always a topic of debate. If you consider yourself to be deeply religious, you are probably thinking:

"Oh no, this wacko is about to try to convince me I'm wrong."

If you are not religious at all, and you believe that God is no more than a figment of several billion people's imaginations, you are probably thinking:

"Oh no, this wacko is about to try to convince me I'm wrong."

I am about to do no such thing. On the contrary, I am about to convince you that you are *right*. But you must read only the part of this column that pertains to you. If you read the wrong part, or (gasp) both parts, you do so at your own risk, and I will not be held responsible for any anger, doubt, resentment or confusion that arises.

READ THIS IF YOU BELIEVE IN GOD

You are right!!! God does exist, and God is exactly as you have always imagined. I mean, can you possibly conceive of the fact that the world, and even the whole universe, was just

some cosmic accident? No! If we look at the beauty of everything around us, we cannot deny the fact that it must have been created. How can anyone think that we arose from the slime and muck, or that we are just well-developed monkeys? We were made in the image of our creator, and it is obvious that we could not be here now if it were not for divine intervention. We can see further evidence in the Holy Book. You can see the hand of God in every page, every sentence, every letter that was written. And we have the word of Jesus to help us find the truth. It is not a difficult matter to see that all you need in order to have God in your life is a little true faith. And without faith, life is next to worthless.

READ THIS IF YOU DO NOT BELIEVE IN GOD

You are right!!! God does not exist, and is nothing more than a construct for people who need to believe in something greater than themselves. I mean, can you possibly conceive of the fact that the world, and the whole universe even, was created molecule by molecule by some omnipotent being with nothing better to do? No! If we look carefully at the evidence that is all around us, we cannot deny the fact that the only reason we exist at all is through the process of natural evolution. How can anyone think that people were made out of clay, and that woman was created

from one of man's ribs? We are direct evolutionary descendants from the primates, and it is obvious that we would not be here now if it were not for natural evolution. We can see further evidence in the state of the world today. You can see through every war, murder and cruelty that there is no higher power. And we have the word of all the great scientists to help us find the truth. It is not a difficult matter to see that we do not need an omniscient power to guide us. All you need is faith in yourself. And without faith, life is next to worthless.

So you see, you have been worrying without cause for years now. You have it on my authority that your religious beliefs or lack thereof are well founded. I hope that I have relieved your doubts to some extent.

For those brave, foolish souls and agnostics who read both points of view, you may have noticed some similarities. Is it possible, you may ask, that two opposing views can be so different, and yet so similar? I don't know. I think that your beliefs, whatever they are, are just as valid as mine. And when you die, you will go exactly where you think you will go. That does not mean your religious figure of choice is not real. What it does mean, is that no one is completely right, no one is completely wrong, and we should try to accept that.

A late night story of boredom, stupidity and aliens

by Josh Cusatis
The second alcohol

It's 2 am. There's nothing to do and they've been sitting here for hours trying to cope by spraying Pam on the inside of their eyelids and stapling their lips to the ceiling. For God's sake, can there be anything more sickening than six poor souls throwing up on the walls to try and make art?

A diversion is needed to get away from the trials and tribulations of everyday lifelessness. Before that can be accomplished an idea needs to sprout which seems unlikely due to the slow mental power that resides in the room at that specific time. Stupider things have

happened though, like the creation of life and time in general so it seems plausible that this room of monkeys might actually make a copy of *Hamlet* with a typewriter in a thousand years making an idea not sound like that stupid of a concept. The idea then springs: roads.

A flip of the coin. First to determine latitude and longitude. The coin comes up heads and it's latitude. Second flip... and it's south. A couple hours pass before the motivation to actually get off the couch strikes and then, after what seems like days, all six of the down trodden have their coats on to deal with the blistering sub-zero weather that has hit their little piece of the Arctic. Somehow they all end up in the automobile which has a significantly lower temperature

than the outside which they can't see because an inch of ice has coated the windows, and the rest of the car for that matter. Incredible... how they got in the car due to the solid water that may have actually contained a frozen polar bear.

Tons of pavement have passed under the horseless carriage by this point and not a word had been spoken until someone spits out just one line of the song "California Dreamin'" in a desperate attempt to break the silence which has totally enveloped the subject's mind to the point where another second of sound void will cause the unfortunate heart and mind to landslide over the edge of sanity and into the purgatory of the subconscious. Copious amounts of earsplittingly loud noise which resembles the words to the song "California Dreamin'" bellow from the car which, for some reason, has all of its windows open at 70 mph and 70 below zero Kelvin.

Half an hour later, when the screaming dies down, the intrepid adventurers arrive in the bustling, industrialized, cow manufacturing, acid spewing city which, since it's now 4 am, has gone to sleep. They explore the entirety of the complex before determining that the lair is completely dormant but, on their way out of the zoned living establishment, stumble across a campus of higher learning with dorms.

Realizing that this could be their one and only chance to break the monotony, the Nazi driver slams on the breaks and, after nursing a couple of head injuries, our intrepid adventurers expunge the automobile from their existence and begin exploring as bipeds were meant.

No mountains, buildings with

Things Best Left Unsaid

"I'm a caterpillar;
Respect me
for that!"

"I didn't
think it
would be
that big!"

breasts, and heads of alien like creatures popping out of clear holes in the walls of the dormitory buildings all become important findings that the adventurers will hold close to their hearts for the rest of their lives.

It is recorded that there were four very large aliens peering out of one of the windows of one of the buildings and in a gesture of goodwill, one of the intrepid adventurers, with outstretched arms, proclaimed, "I come from the future!" Oddly enough, our adventurers were not met with open arms.

This might have been the straw that broke the camel's back but no. Our intrepid adventurers were more wily than that and continued on in their search for what no one knows. Pretty stupid search but then again so is this story. No my friends, our heroes did not give up until a loud explosion like sound was heard from the southeast. A sound that resembled a large building having its guts blown into the outside world. Not a single trace of what caused this oddity could be found and our heroes took this earsplittingly loud noise as a cue that they were not wanted. Another possible explanation for the noise, other than the cue to leave, is that it was the sound of "California Dreamin'" catching up to the plane of time that our heroes were currently on. The unwanted theory was the winner of the two in the hearts and minds of our intrepid adventurers and great disappointment fell upon them.

And so, disenchanted, our sultry adventurers wandered the paved pathways of the heat island in boredom once again. They returned home and went to sleep.

"It was all very David Lynch."

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Mentionables

Try not to care, and you just may live forever

Recent medical problems lead to new outlook on life for Flashlight editor

by Nancy P. Corbo
staff *Inuit*

What would you do if someone came up to you and told you that you were going to die?

Although this didn't *actually* happen to me, just a couple of weeks ago I reached a time in my life when I actually pondered whether or not I was going to survive the next *Flashlight* issue. I'm sure many of us have thought about death and how scary/exciting it can be. So what I am about to write may sound familiar to you, but I seriously doubt it.

Just to bring you up to speed, I feel I should tell you what happened to me that stimulated the production of such a bitter column. First of all, I am now looking at life in an entirely new perspective, simply because everything that I used to consider important just seems petty and trivial.

It all began with a phone call on a Saturday at nine in the morning. Naturally, I was sleeping and I had been awoken from my rather explicit dreams by an extremely irritating ring. Rather than jumping up to answer it (like I know everyone else would've), I chose to stay in bed and allowed the answering machine to pick it up. Then a rather boisterous male voice with some exotic accent came on the machine. As if waking up to a loud, grating voice wasn't enough, the man happened to be a doctor whom I didn't know and who explained how important it was that I receive his message. Recalling my trip to the clinic the previous afternoon, I slithered out of bed and staggered into the kitchen to the phone. The doctor then gave me the most upsetting news I've ever received in my life.

"Nancy, it is very important that you come to the Wellsboro emergency room immediately," he said in a serious tone.

My first reaction was to ask why, but I didn't need to, considering he wasted no time in telling me the upset-

ting news: He said the hemoglobin content of my blood was terribly low and in very bad shape (I can't exactly recall the exact numbers, but my blood was so thin that you would think I was a member of the English royal family.) He then proceeded to toss out medical terms that I wasn't completely able to understand, which was all the more reason for me to be frightened. The conversation finally ended with me making an appointment with the Wellsboro clinic that very morning.

I returned to bed, naturally not being able to fall back asleep. For all I knew, at that moment I could've been dying. I must tell you that the reason why I visited the campus clinic in the first place was because for the previous few weeks, I wasn't able to walk from Maple dormitory to Laurel dormitory without stopping to take a breather. Basically, I knew there was something wrong with me to begin with. Actually, if it wasn't for my concerned boyfriend, being the stubborn person that I am, I probably wouldn't have called the clinic in the first place. Anyhow, the appointment wasn't for an hour and a half, so I spent the time worrying what I could possibly have done to deserve such a curse. One thing you must know about me is that I'm nothing like many of the *Flashlight* editors, in that I feel that my health is very important to me and I try my best to take care of my body in every way I know how.

When I finally arrived at the Wellsboro clinic, the first thing they did was warn me of my health. The doctor began talking about my red blood cells and how low they were. As if that wasn't enough, he started talking about my kidneys and how unproductive they were as well. As if *that* wasn't enough, one of the nurses swiveled out a wheelchair for me to sit in, asked me if I'd ever received a blood transfusion before and told me that I'd have to stay in the hospital overnight.

They wheeled me upstairs to the emergency room and called my par-

ents, later notifying me that they were on their way to see me. Basically, they discovered that no blood was getting to my kidneys and that they had shrunk to about half their size. Naturally, I was shocked considering I had no idea what caused such a thing. I asked what something like this meant and that's when they told me about the surgery. Now, granted I'd been involved with surgery *lots* of times, so it wasn't that it scared me exactly. In fact, it was what was going to occur afterwards that frosted my weenie.

First of all, their plan was to insert a catheter in my chest for dialysis (a word completely obscure to me at the time). However, their first attempt at surgery was futile and led me to screaming my lungs out in the emergency room, since they'd only used local anesthesia. I then had to wait until the next day before they attempted the surgery again, in which they succeeded. All throughout this entire process, people from Pennsylvania, to New Jersey, to California were calling me night and day, naturally concerned for my welfare. Although their consideration comforted me, I still felt like destroying everything I saw, everyone I loved.

After they had completed the surgery, I was told that I had to stay in the hospital for about another week. They also casually mentioned that another drawback to this whole ordeal was that I'd have to attend dialysis from then on, at least until I get a kidney transplant. This entails getting up three times a week (including Saturdays) at 7:15 am, driving to the Wellsboro dialysis center, and sitting across from 60+ year-old people who either hack up lungs or have only one hand and foot. Now, I know this may not sound too disturbing, but why don't you try sitting across from these people first thing in the morning! It's not exactly that inspiring. In fact, it sucks so much that experiencing this just about kills any optimism I might have begun the day with. The dialysis takes about three and a half hours, which goes by slower than Communication Theory

class, only I don't have to listen to constant jabbering about models and theories, and all that crap. I'd go into specifics about it all, but I'll spare your stomachs...excuse me, your kidneys.

Now, although this is the shittiest thing that even happened to me, one good side of all this was discovering all the people who cared for me. It was rather refreshing to receive calls all throughout the country, asking me if they could do anything. My hospital room was packed with balloons and flowers, which kept it from smelling like Ben-Gay or something like that. The most inspiring side of all this trauma, however, was that my brother, sister, and mother offered to be the donor of the transplant. Also, I was delighted by the gift of a small, fuzzy penguin named Mouse, and an elaborately decorated Maple room upon my return gave me the extra incentive I needed to proceed with life as normally as I could.

Then when I'd finally left the hospital and began attending class again, I was dazzled by the amount of people who asked me how I was and offered their kidneys as well. So, like I stated previously, although this experience has been mentally and emotionally killing me, I must admit that's it's got me thinking differently about my life and others as well.

As I bring this column to a close, I would like you all to understand that if you are thinking that this column was nothing but a load of bitching, you are 100% correct. Frankly, it really sucks having trouble sleeping every night, taking showers every morning, and swallowing seven pills each day (not to mention the strict diet they have me on). In addition to this, not only are my ankles swollen to the size of tree trunks, but my stomach is feeling worse than it ever has. And you ask: "Whatever did you do to deserve this? What all started this?" The answer is nothing and I have no clue! I guess I just have bad karma. In the future, I'll try not to care. "So be it."

New film *Broken Arrow* a waste of time and money

by Bryan Murphy
staff *criticizer*

Broken Arrow
Starring: John Travolta,
Christian Slater
Director: John Woo
20th Century Fox, 1996
Rated R

This week I am reviewing the movie "Broken Arrow," released by 20th Century Fox, and directed by the famous Hong Kong action film director, John Woo. The screenwriter, Graham Yost, also wrote the screenplay for the 1994 hit "Speed," so there is no doubt that this movie has plenty of credentials.

"Broken Arrow" is a movie about two military officers. One officer, Deek, played by John Travolta ("Pulp Fiction," "Get Shorty"), is trying to steal two nuclear missiles. The other officer, Captain Hale played by Christian Slater

("Pump Up the Volume," "Bed of Roses") is trying to stop Deek when he teams up with a U.S. Park Ranger, Samantha Mathis ("Pump Up the Volume").

The two officers are pilots of a B3 Bomber, running test flights over the deserts of the Southwestern United States when Deek reveals that he is going to steal the "nukes." A fight in the jet between Deek and Hale occurs and Hale loses (if he didn't, the movie would be over 10 minutes before it started).

After the heist, it is revealed that Deek and his backers want the US government to pay a ton of money to get the nukes back. The movie then twists and turns through the conflict over the nukes. Then one gets armed and is ready to go off, but it's OK, Deek was prepared for it — he still has the other missile. The movie concludes with an action packed, super exciting train ride with one explosion after another, where the victor prevails.

Whew! Now that the description is over, I'll actually review it: This

movie sucked BIG TIME! I give it a rating of 4 clogged-overflowing-toilets! If you like an action-adventure movie that turns into a comedic soft-porn flic, by all means see this movie! My recommendation is: see this movie if you need a good, cheese-ball laugh or if you decide that, "Wow, I REALLY NEED TO WASTE SEVEN BUCKS!"

In a movie with fifty thousand explosions, it is quite surprising that there are even more sexual metaphors (we counted). This is where the soft-porn comes in — don't get me wrong, there is no nudity, but the metaphors couldn't have been more plentiful. Ok, here's a question: When you're a good looking woman and someone is holding a gun to your cheek, do you start opening your mouth and licking your lips? I don't think so. (But if you do, you can get my phone number from the *Flashlight* office, gimme a call!)

Now, I went with two friends to the Painted Post Hoyts Cinema (actually called Crystal Cinemas), because it

costs \$.75 less than the mall theatre. Anyway, we were not alone in the theater, in fact there had to have been 30 or more other people there and out of all of them, the three of us were the only ones laughing.

After the movie, one of my friends and I were waiting for our other friend to get out of the bathroom when we "over-heard" (actually, we more like eavesdropped on) the conversation of some other people coming out of the movie. The particular group that we "over-heard" was talking seriously and contently about the movie, a movie which just caused us to laugh. After a few jokes about those people during the car ride home, we decided that the only movie that we could think of that was worse than "Broken Arrow" was "Wolf!" All of us had a real problem with "Wolf" too, but that's another review.

To sum it all up, this movie was absolutely horrible, and I sympathize with anyone who spent their hard earned cash on this pitiful movie.

Comics & Fun



It's... Meat Kennedy,
Wet/Dry Vac!!
Duh, Duh, Duuuuhhh!!



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The Flashlight

MU pitching combines youth with experience

Darren A. Meehan
sports reporter

As the Mountie men prepare for their first game of the 1996 season on the diamond against Bowie State on Saturday, every member of the team has a specific job. Essential to any good team,

Head Coach Harry Hillson has seen his pitching team evolve from a relatively young team last season to a more experienced roster of talent.

"One of the most important aspects of a good team is experience and the key to good pitching is the team approach. Last year, we had 'stars'. This season we have solid quality. You're going to win when you have good pitchers on the mound, but the difference between a good season and a bad one is a good, solid pitching staff."

The pitching staff boasts 12 players ranging in experience and ability and has been getting ready since the Fall. In the Fall, the pitchers are tested for speed using a radar gun and follow an off season weight program. They also

endure a 'long toss' drill to improve pitching speed.

In the long toss, a pitcher throws the ball farther than normal to build up their speed. By throwing a greater distance, the pitcher must throw the ball harder.

In the game, this translates to a better pitch at a closer distance while stretching the arm out better.

"Velocity isn't the only thing; we also look at location and changing speed. But," he adds smiling, "it doesn't hurt to have speed."

Jeff Limonecilli, assistant coach specializing in pitching, has been conditioning pitchers to be ready a couple of days after pitching, as well as trying to keep a wide variety of pitches in the system and getting the pitchers accustomed to game situations.

Limonecilli is one of two new members on this years pitching squad. The guy who closes is as important as the opener.

One of the toughest roles on the team is reliever.

Ray Schmittle is not one of our "stars" but he is a very good middle re-



Photo by Sam Cleveland

Mansfield University baseball pitchers and hitters prepare for the upcoming Mountie season. Coach Hillson looks for a lot of excitement in the form of his 1996 pitchers.

liever. We need several different people for different things. You can't win a game with just a closer or just an opener."

Schmittle is one of three seniors getting ready for his final season. Bob Schleicher, who throws the ball at about 86 mils per hour, and Mike Cacciotti will also be ending their career at Mansfield

this season.

Overall, Hillson has reasonably high expectations of his men.

"I expect guys to give us consistency and keep doing the same thing. I feel confident with these guys and there is no reason why I shouldn't. We are ready for next Saturday."

Mountie men's basketball drop back to back losses

by Joe Wagner
sports reporter

The Mansfield University Mountaineers played the last home game of their season Wednesday falling to the Cheyney Wolves by a score of 92-89.

Mansfield played solid in the first half. The Mountaineers held the lead at intermission by the score of 46-42. Louis Judson scored 25 points in the first period, yielding over half of the Mountaineer scoring. No other Mountie player scored in double digits in the first half. Judson and Barret Jones combined to be 6-8 from behind the three-point line, shooting 75%.

Sophomore Steve Shannon helped control the boards with five rebounds.

Judson started off the first half with two three-pointers back to back before Cheyney jumped on the board. The Wolves struck back quickly, how-

ever, and pulled ahead seven minutes into the first period. MU's John Sowell hit one-of-two foul shots to put the Mountaineers back in the lead with eight minutes left in the half. The Mounties controlled the lead until intermission.

The Mountaineers lost the lead early in the second half when Cheyney hit a two-point field goal four minutes into the action. Once again, John came to Mansfield's rescue and hit on a jumper to put Mansfield ahead. The Mountaineers pulled into the lead by eight points but were unable to retain their advantage.

With nine minutes left, Cheyney hit two free-throws to go ahead. They kept the lead for the rest of the game. The contest remained close, the difference in the score was never more than six points. The final score rested at 92-89 with Cheyney being the victors.

Judson was the high scorer for both teams, having a total of 41 points.

He hit seven three-pointers, and 10 of 19 shots from within the three-point arc. Despite his impressive effort, the Mounties ended up with the loss. The defeat put their total record at 10-14.

The Mounties next game was at Kutztown University where they fell to the Golden Bears 75-63.

After initially falling behind by five points, the Mountaineers went on a 10 point run in the first half to pull ahead of Kutztown early on. The Golden Bears then went on a scoring streak of their own.

They pulled ahead of the Mounties with 12 minutes left in the first period. The Mountaineers could not keep pace with Kutztown for the remainder of the half. The score rested at 48-30 at the intermission.

Judson once again led all Mounties in first half scoring with 13 points. Tyrone Fisher added seven points and Shannon contributed six points to

the Mountaineer's first half effort. Shannon also had four rebounds.

The Mountaineers were never able to overcome the 18 point deficit they created in the first half. Judson tallied 20 points for the entire game leading all Mansfield players. Freshman Sowell added 15 more, before he fouled out with 6:34 left to play. Shannon totaled 10 points and hauled down nine rebounds.

Even though Mansfield outscored Kutztown 33-27 in the second half they dropped the game to make their record 10-15 over-all.

The Mountaineers are 1-10 in the Eastern conference of the PSAC. Their next game, at Millersville University Saturday, will decide whether Mansfield or Millersville will go to play-offs.

Flashlight

Athlete of the Week

Tami Kroft



Tami Kroft has been named Flashlight Athlete of the Week. Tami is the first woman in MU history to win the shot put at this past weekends track invitational..

Mansfield University Men's Basketball Statistics

Rebounds

PLAYER	G-GS	FG-A	%	3FG-A	%	FT-A	%	O	D	T	Avg.	PTS.	Avg.
B. Jones	25-7	93-276	33.7	53-169	31.4	36-49	73.5	15	50	65	2.6	275	11.0
R. Shaw	25-24	104-237	43.9	0-1	0.0	70-98	71.4	68	127	195	7.8	278	11.1
L. Judson	25-21	132-291	45.4	60-141	42.6	93-118	78.8	23	68	91	3.6	417	16.7
S. Shannon	25-20	66-135	48.9	0-3	0.0	20-26	76.9	46	86	132	5.3	152	6.1
J. Sowell	25-25	111-231	48.1	1-6	16.7	94-132	71.2	47	65	112	4.5	317	12.7
C. Smith	8-7	40-98	40.8	12-37	32.4	14-21	66.7	5	9	14	1.8	106	13.3
T. Fisher	25-17	92-236	39.0	18-62	29.0	59-75	78.7	46	62	108	4.3	261	10.4
B. Zarzedez	24-2	13-33	39.4	0-0	0.0	13-19	68.4	26	30	56	2.3	39	1.6
C.J. Palmer	25-2	24-68	35.3	1-14	7.1	8-16	50.0	15	28	43	1.7	57	2.3
J.J. Smithson	5-0	2-8	25.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	4	9	13	2.6	4	0.8
MOUNTIES	25-25	677-1613	42.0	145-433	33.5	407-554	73.5	342	592	934	37.4	1906	76.2

Mountie grapplers drop tough loss to Golden Bears

by Amber E. Lakits
sports editor

The Mansfield University wrestling team suffered a tough loss Saturday, February 17 to the hands of the Kutztown University Golden Bears 31-12.

"We knew it was going to be a tough tournament," Head Coach Hank Shaw said. "Many people don't realize this, but Kutztown University is ranked 18th in the country. They have several outstanding wrestlers."

After a forfeit at 118 lbs. and a major decision over MU's Jesse Smith at 126 lbs., MU's Bart Gonzales got the Mounties on the board. His solid decision over the Golden Bears Chad Groover cut the Bears lead.

"Bart won easier than I expected him to," Shaw said. "He wrestled extremely well."

After a Kutztown victory at 142

lbs. over Craig Rudolph, MU jumped right back on the board with a Roland Grap victory over Bryan MacLeod. His younger brother, Georg was not able to wrestle due to muscle spasms obtained during practice.

"Not having Georg at 142 lbs. really hurt us," Shaw said. "We didn't want to take the chance of him injuring himself worse during the meet."

From then on it was all Kutztown until Charlie Tuttle won over Kutztown's Todd Waganian at 190 lbs. But, like any good wrestling meet, this one was not without controversy. According to Shaw, Setzer lost in sudden death over time after Kutztown's James Leiner kicked Setzer in the head to obtain victory.

"You can't change what happened, but the referee admitted to not being in a position to see what happened," Shaw said.

Overall, Shaw was overly disappointed in the teams performance on

the mats.

"The overall performance was not that poor," Shaw said. "We were just outgunned in some weight classes."

For the next two weeks the Mounties will be preparing for the National Qualifier March 1 and 2 at Southern Connecticut.

"We have a lot of guys that have the opportunity to go to Nationals," Shaw said. "Probably one of our best hopes is Al Houck at 134 lbs. if he can remain healthy."

Georg Grap at 142 lbs. is another strong hopeful for Nationals, according to Shaw, if he has a good tournament. Another strong hopeful is Setzer.

"There is not doubt in my mind he is a strong contender," Shaw said. "But only if he gets his head on straight and gets his confidence back."

At the 167 lbs. and heavyweight levels, Shaw feels the competition is more experience, leaving it pretty



Mountie grappler Bart Gonzales won his match with a solid decision in the Mounties loss to Kutztown University.

tough for MU to qualify in those weight classes.

The Mountaineers will be leaving Thursday, February 29 for the qualifying tournament.

MU women b-ball ends six game losing streak

by Jason Bricker
asst. sports editor

The Mansfield women's basketball team ended their six game losing streak with a win over Cheyney University. Mansfield beat Cheyney for the second time this year on February 17th in their final home game of the season.

Mansfield jumped out to an early 13-3 lead, with Liz Bricker hitting three three pointers. Mansfield extended their lead through the first half and went into the locker room with a 23 point lead. The Mountaineers distributed their scoring evenly in the first half with Becky Dutko leading with 11 points. Bricker and Michele Jeffery both had nine points, and

Erin Fisher had eight.

In the second half Mansfield kept up their domination of the game. The closest Cheyney got to MU in the second half was 14 points. Mansfield won the game by 21 points, 76-55.

Dutko wasn't the leading scorer for the Mounties in this game, but instead Jeffrey was. Jeffrey had 18 points and 13 rebounds, she also was perfect from the line, going eight for eight from the charity stripe. Fisher was second in scoring with 17 points, she also had 13 rebounds. Dutko and Bricker both had 13 points.

This win gives Mansfield a 5-17 overall record, and gives them their second win in the PSAC east, where they are 2-8, second last in the league. But MU,

with this win has passed last seasons total wins.

On February 21, Mansfield went back on the road to take on Kutztown. Kutztown defeated the Mounties earlier this season.

Mansfield never led in this one with Kutztown jumping on the Mounties from the start. Mansfield was still within reach of Kutztown at the end of the first half, finding themselves down by 12 (39-27).

Nobody was in double figures for the Mounties at the half. Dutko had nine points and Fisher had six. On the Kutztown side, Robin Avery already had 20 points in the first half, seven less than Mansfield's whole team. Avery was eight for nine from the field and

four for five from the foul line.

Mansfield never got within single digits in the second half, and Kutztown cruised to a 15 point win (81-66).

Dutko took back her role as leading scorer for the Mounties with 20 points, she might of had more but she fouled out with 2:02 left. Jeffery also fouled out with 13 points. Fisher, who had 16 in the Cheyney game turned in another strong performance with 14 points.

Kutztown's Avery who had 20 points in the first half, finished out the game with 30 points. Avery was 13 for 16 from the field, she also added 14 rebounds to her totals, which led the game.

Mansfield plays their final game of the season on February 24th against Millersville.

Mansfield hosts first annual pugilistic invitational

by Joe Wagner
sports reporter

Mansfield University will host the first annual Mansfield Boxing Invitational 7 p.m. on March 1 at Decker Gymnasium.

This is the first home show put on by Mansfield's boxing club. The club,

coached by Dennis Garner and advised by Dr. Walter Funmaker, is in its third year as an organized establishment. It is sanctioned by the National Collegiate Boxing Association, the NCBA, under the supervision of the National Boxing Association.

Because of the league's amateur status, safety is considered as the most important aspect of any fight. Padded

headgear is worn, and the referee has the ability to declare a win with a standing eight count.

The boxing club started three years ago with only five individuals participating. The club consists of 15 members, six of which currently compete in matches. The remaining members are sparring partners. They play an important role, helping prepare the competing members for competition.

"There is no shame in (not competing)" Garner said. "I call it a baptism, going through the ropes into the squared circle."

Senior Joe Povenski, also starting tight end for the Mansfield University football team, participates in the boxing club. He went to Nationals last year at Colorado Springs, Col. Povenski brought home the silver medal in the heavy-weight division. In his bid for the title he defeated a boxer from the Naval Academy but lost to an Air Force's representative.

Povenski and the other boxers train twice a week. They work out Monday and Thursday nights from 6:15 until 9:00. The first part of each night's practice takes place in the bag-room where the athletes work on their technique. The boxers then go to Decker Gymnasium to spar in the balcony area. They are also responsible for their "road work", "mirrors" and lifting weights. Weight training, however, is not an in-

tegral part of their training, since flexibility, technique and stamina are the greatest factors in this sport.

The boxers train from the end of October until the end of the fall semester. They resume training in the spring semester and begin competing in February. Every Saturday in February there is a competition that the club attends. The entire training season is devoted to good performance in February.

The best pugilists from the Northeast division of the league will come to Mansfield to display their skills.

According to Garner, at least four universities are scheduled to compete in this invitational. These schools include Mansfield, Lock Haven University, Penn State University and Shippensburg University.

Weight classes are from 112 pounds to heavyweight. Boxers will compete by skill level, from subnovice, to novice to open.

Admission is \$8 ringside. Bleacher seats are \$5 general, \$3 senior citizens, children under six are free. MU students with ID are \$2. Tickets can be obtained at the door.

All proceeds will benefit the Mountaineer Boxing Club.

MU Women's Basketball Statistics

REBOUNDS

PLAYER	G-GS	FG-A	%	3FG-A	%	FT-A	%	O	D	T	PTS.
S. Barr	18-17	67-195	34.4	35-103	34.0	14-17	82.4	15	41	56	183
L. Bricker	22-4	38-122	31.1	12-40	30.0	14-24	58.3	22	29	51	102
B. Dutko	22-22	139-292	47.6	0-0	0.0	82-121	67.8	58	88	146	360
C. Farabaugh	22-22	29-101	28.7	8-27	29.6	12-20	60.0	21	43	64	78
E. Fisher	22-15	66-195	33.8	3-22	13.6	36-49	73.5	33	56	89	171
C. Hill	22-0	20-71	28.2	8-27	29.6	19-24	79.2	5	25	30	67
M. Jeffery	22-22	95-223	42.6	0-0	0.0	69-103	67.0	110	135	245	259
L. Martin	10-0	2-7	28.6	0-0	0.0	1-2	50.0	0	2	2	5
J. Masker	20-8	39-136	28.7	19-73	26.0	21-30	70.0	9	17	26	118
T. Moser	21-0	25-56	44.6	0-0	0.0	12-19	63.2	29	39	68	62
D. Owens	17-0	9-41	22.0	0-0	0.0	6-9	66.7	12	23	35	24
J. Williams	13-0	11-37	29.7	2-7	28.6	8-13	61.5	4	5	9	32

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Sports Views

Morrison prepares for the fight of his life

by Darren A. Meehan
sports reporter

With dignity and strength, he bravely stepped up to the podium two weeks ago and addressed the media, who were sympathetic to his rumored condition. They were poised to proceed with endless an gauntlet of questions. In an instant, one story of an internationally ranked boxer ended and another AIDS related story unfolded.

Instead of avoiding the tainted-blood-thirsty reporters and denying the rumors, John Wayne's nephew, the Duke, Tommy Morrison conceded that he had, once again just before the press conference, tested positive for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. News of the discovery sent shock waves throughout the sports world as writers, broadcasters and the men and women of ESPN debated the effects this news would have on the

boxing world and the fight against AIDS. Early reminiscent of Magic Johnson's diagnosis four years ago with HIV, Morrison's diagnosis almost guarantees a heated debate in both areas.

Months from now, boxing will have been returned to the same as it was before this tragic event, but for now we have ringside seats for a fight. It is a fight for boxing itself. Critics will attack first and lead by denouncing the safety of boxing as boxing commissioners dodge and throw punches filled with proof that the sport itself is safe. Trainers, ringside doctors and referees are all dressed in latex gloves during the fight to protect themselves from any bloodshed, and the boxers are tested days before a bout. After the debacle, the commissioners will issue a statement reinforcing their belief that the transmission of AIDS during a boxing match is minimal. Boxing will win out, but the repercussions outside the ring will be more vast.

"Sports Views" discuss issues in local and national sports, both professional and collegiate. We'd like to hear your opinion about the topics we've discussed, or about ones you think should be discussed. All submissions must be signed by the author of the letter and please include your phone number. Please direct questions, comments or topics to: "Sports Views" Flashlight Office, 217 Memorial Hall.

To begin with, the strong and otherwise healthy Morrison will restructure his public image and become a tragic hero for evermore. His "people" will paint him as a repentant servant to the public while he tries to convince teenagers and younger children that promiscuous sex without protection is dangerous. Inevitably, he will become a role model for some, but Morrison himself has denounced his role model status saying, "Don't see me as a role model, but as someone who had a chance to be a role model...but made irresponsible, irrational decisions."

Morrison ends his career with a 45-3-1 record (39 knockouts) in the past seven years and, like a true sportsman, has begun to accept responsibility for his poor performance; citing a promiscuous lifestyle that included multiple

partners without protection.

Now that he can no longer box, Morrison will undoubtedly begin his career as a public speaker, but isn't there a more effective means for transmitting a message of safe sex? Instead of having 95% of those celebrities speaking on behalf of AIDS awareness testing positive for HIV. Why not recruit more athletes who can tell children, "if you want to live a long and healthy life, practice safe sex, like me."

That is not to say Morrison is useless. He is now an invaluable tool in this fight because he has the status and the genuine passion to effectively get the message across to millions.

Even though Tommy Morrison has been technically knocked out of boxing, he will now prepare for his toughest fight.

Mountaineer Outdoors-sports commentary

by Alan Houck
sports reporter

One of the aspects of Tioga County is the abundant deer herd that occupies our state lands as well as private. The PGC has approved a new concept that could bring a severe change in the way the commonwealth manages the deer herd for the future.

Back in January the PGC met and gave approval for the agency to de-

velop land areas into units rather than by county wide management. So instead of having 67 counties to choose, there will now be 17 Deer Management Units. These units are based on habitat, herd size, land ownership and human population. These DMUs will use highways and rivers as their identified boundaries.

This concept will not go into effect until the year 2000 because of the gathering of data through report cards and ear tags. The new map will be put into publication in the new hunting di-

gest for the 1996-97 hunting season. Here are the wrap ups of the counties into units. One unit will have 23 counties within it and it is located in the mid-west of the state. There are 30 counties that are split between two different units; 11 counties make up three units and parts of 3 counties in four different units.

Now for those of you who hunt in the Tioga County area, we fall in the unit that is split into four units. This means that you will have to analyze the unit map and find where your hot spot is and stay there. Once you choose your unit you are confined to hunt that area.

All I can say is enjoy bopping around the entire county trying to fill your tag now because that option will be gone. Tioga county is split in half by Rt. 6 from East to West. From North to South it will be Rt. 287 into Wellsboro

East on 6 till Mansfield then Rt. 15 to New York. Happy Hunting.

With the delayed printing of Mountaineer Outdoors I apologize to anyone who went to the Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show in Harrisburg and it was not there. This week plans to bring us something we have not felt in a while... warmth. The temperature outside is forecasted to be in the mid fifties so break out those shorts and tank tops and flock to all those tourist attractions and leave the woods alone. My plans are to do a little pre-season scouting for next archery season as well as the upcoming spring gobbler season in late April.

For anyone wanting to know where I do most of my hunting look for a two-toned, black and tan Dodge Dakota with a black cab. Honk your horn so I know you have found me.

Nuggets offer tickets for guns

DENVER (AP) _ The Denver Nuggets will again offer tickets for guns under the fourth annual "Operation Cease Fire" program.

The team will give a pair of tickets to anyone who turns in a gun during a March 9 exchange.

Since the program started in 1993, more than 900 firearms have been turned in, authorities said.

"We don't care who the people are" who bring in the guns, Nuggets spokeswoman Kathleen MacDonald said Monday. "All we want is to get the guns off the street."

This year's program was kicked off at

Denver's Lake Middle School where 14-year-old Gina Bernard had been a student until she was killed in a shooting in January.

Mayor Wellington Webb, city public safety manager Fidel Montoya and several other high-ranking city officials and Nuggets forward LaPhonso Ellis were on hand to plug the program.

The gun collection is set for noon to 4 p.m., March 9. Anyone who drops off a firearm will be given a pair of tickets to one of two Nuggets games: the March 26 contest with the Charlotte Hornets or the April 7 game against the Houston Rockets.

Meet The Team

by: Amber Lakits
sports editor

Name: Alan Houck
Year: Junior
Weight Class: 126 lbs.
Hometown: Narvon
High School: Garden Spot HS

MU wrestling



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George Mullen, more than a provost

Applications being accepted to replace position of thirteen years

by Kate A. Griffith
Flashlight editor

Mansfield University will have a difficult time trying to fill Provost George Mullen's shoes when he retires this summer.

Dr. George Mullen of the physics department became the provost and vice president for academic affairs when MU received university status and became a member of the PA State System of Higher Education in 1983.

It was at that time that MU eliminated the position of deans, which served as a middle level of management between the academic faculty and the provost. After that, all faculty and academic departments began reporting to the provost. Mullen began acting as chief academic officer who administers university policies and procedures.

MU is the only school in the SSHE that functions without deans, according to Joseph Maresco, vice president of student affairs.

"Our provost handles a much greater workload than those who have deans to rely on," Maresco said.

Mullen has probably saved the university approximately \$7 million that would have been spent on deans in his thirteen years as provost, according to William Yost, vice president of administration and finance.

Since MU eliminated the position of deans, Mullen is required to meet with several committees that the deans had previously met with.

Mullen also serves as the chair to the President's Cabinet. Maresco, Yost and Sandra Linck, the associate provost, make up the remainder of the cabinet.

"We sit as equals in the cabinet," Mullen said. "The four of us share the burden of daily issues of the university."

The provost position is extremely time consuming because of the amount of time he spends in meetings everyday.

"I usually work a nine or ten hour day and then take work home with me," Mullen said.

The time that Mullen spends in meetings also leaves much of his paperwork piled up. Sometimes he dedicates entire days catching up on his paperwork, he said.

"The more accountability you have, the more paperwork you have," Mullen said. "I have mounds of paperwork."

Mullen isn't able to interact with the student body as much as he'd like. He schedules time to meet with the members of the Student Government Association on a regular basis.

"Cooperation with SGA depends on the current president of the organization," Mullen said.

He also deals with students on the curricular committee and the advising committee.

Though Mullen doesn't have personal interaction with the student body, he makes more decisions that directly affect the student body than any other administrator, said MU President Rod Kelchner.

"Mullen has more impact on MU students than any other position," Kelchner said. "I think the students view the provost as a very distant position."

The position of the provost is essential to any university, Maresco said.

"Academics are the backbone of the university," Maresco said. "Dr.



Photo by Liz Barrett

Provost, George Mullen working in his office in Alumni Hall. He plans on retiring in July to volunteer his time for individuals in other countries.

Mullen provides direction for everything that deals with the academics at MU."

According to Maresco, Mullen has helped MU tremendously by looking ahead at the technology to which the campus should have access. Most state colleges the size of MU aren't able to provide phone services and cable in every dorm room.

"A lot of where we are, technologically, has come from the direction of Provost Mullen," Maresco said. "The advances this campus enjoys are clearly a sign of Mullen's leadership and creative process."

Maresco also said that Mullen has been able to make decisions because they meet the long-term needs of MU, even though they weren't cheered when he made them.

"Dr. Mullen has been the strongest academic leader I've had the opportunity to work with," said Yost.

Kelchner feels that he and Mullen have worked so well together because they often have differing opinions.

"We're not alike in many respects, and that's good," Kelchner said. "Because we're different, I think our partnership has really benefited the university."

Mullen has been married for 38 years and he has five children, but no grandchildren yet. One of his children is a professor of oceanography and is in the astronaut program. Another is an anthropologist who works for a systems thinking corporation. They've all been to college, and some have gone on to graduate school.

Mullen and his wife have many plans after he retires.

"We probably have too many plans," Mullen said.

The first thing the Mullens will

do is return to the Himalayas in Northern India on the Tibetan Plateau. Then they will travel around India.

"We've been to India before and we want to go back," Mullen said. "The people are very friendly and interesting there."

They are then looking at opportunities for consulting education for world south countries, possibly through the United Nations.

"We enjoy traveling, and I've always thought I might be able to help world south countries help themselves," Mullen said.

Mullen also dreams of conquering a big mountain after his retirement.

"The advances this campus enjoys are clearly a sign of Mullen's leadership and creative process."

"I'd love to climb Island Peak," he said. "It's only 24,000 feet high!"

The search to replace Mullen has prompted MU to form a search committee responsible for finding an adequate replacement.

According to Kelchner, who is heading the nine member committee, there have been 35 applicants for the provost position thus far.

"It's a demanding job, and it will be difficult to fill it," Kelchner said. "We must be very careful about who we choose to fill the provost position."

Mullen will miss MU, but he is also very anxious to move on.

"I preach change to everyone else," Mullen said. "Now it's time for me to change too."



Photo by Liz Barrett

Provost, George Mullen reading a book in his office. His retirement this summer will have a serious impact on the administration as well as the students at MU.

Calendar

Friday, February 23

1-4pm Free pool at the Rec Desk in Memorial Hall
6-8pm Mysterious Eskimo Show on WNTE
10pm Zanzibar at The HUT

Saturday, February 24

2pm Wrestling at home with California
6pm Women's Basketball away at

Millersville

8pm Men's Basketball away at Millersville
8pm Michael Zimmerman Junior Saxophone Recitalat in Steadman Theater
Indoor Track & Field at Kutztown
10pm Zanzibar at The HUT

Sunday, February 25

8pm Zanzibar at The HUT

Monday, February 26
4pm Flashlight meeting in 217 Memorial Hall
9pm Student Government Meeting, Memorial Hall

Tuesday, February 27

1pm Ebony Discussion Hour in the

MLK Center, Memorial Hall

Wednesday, February 28
11-1pm Free popcorn at the Rec Desk in Memorial Hall
6:30pm TV Club's Meeting, Allen Hall
9pm MAC Coffeehouse at The HUT

Thursday, February 29

1pm International Discussion Hour in the MLK Center, Memorial Hall

Drug investigation leads to numerous arrests



House on 96 Sherwood Street, where four arrests took place in Mansfield's biggest drug bust since the early 80's

by Kate Griffith
Flashlight editor

This week the borough of Mansfield saw its biggest crack-down on drugs since the early '80s.

According to Paul Shaw, Mansfield Borough's chief of police, an eight month investigation began to come to a head when seven Mansfield University students and one borough resident were arrested Thursday, Feb. 29, on drug related charges including possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, and delivery of a controlled substance. Both charges are felonies.

Additional charges in-

clude possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia, which are misdemeanors.

"We felt like we had gotten the main players at this point," Shaw said. "We knew that these people were selling on a regular basis and it was time to take these people down."

The students were arraigned before District Justice Daniel Signor in Mansfield. According to court records, arrested were:

MU Sophomore Jason Guinter, 20, at 96 Sherwood St. in Mansfield. He was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, and delivery of a con-

trolled substance after an undercover informant allegedly made a controlled buy of \$50 worth of marijuana from him. His bail was set at \$7,500. His preliminary trial date is March 6.

MU Senior Louis Greco, 23, at the same address. He was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance, two counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, one count of delivery of a controlled substance and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Greco had allegedly sold one-quarter ounce of marijuana to an undercover informant for \$60 on Oct. 25, 1995. His bail was set at \$15,000. His preliminary

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Director of Student Activities guilty of misdemeanor

by Matt Peterson
managing editor
Gene Yager
wire editor

Tuesday afternoon, a Tioga County jury found Mansfield Student Activities Director Clarence Crisp, guilty of a May 9 incident involving the striking of his assistant, Thomas Johnston.

Crisp was charged with a misdemeanor count of simple assault in the trial and still awaits sentencing. The trial was brought to the courts by Johnston, who was assistant director of student activities at the time of the incident.

The maximum penalties for the crime are two years in prison and a fine of \$5,000, however, due to Crisp's clean record, it is more likely that he will be put on probation, court sources said.

The trial featured testimony from both Crisp and Johnston and the court heard from witnesses who testified about Crisp's character and about both events that may have led to the incident and events that followed the striking.

During the trial it was revealed by both Johnston and Crisp that they had had a good working relationship up until the incident.

"My job evaluations of Tom over the years had been very good," Crisp said. However, due to a conflict between the two over a Mansfield Activities Council issue, Crisp gave Johnston his first reprimand ever, in the form of a letter.

According to Johnston's testimony, on May 9, he was called into Crisp's office and handed the letter by Crisp who was sitting on the other side of his desk.

Johnston read the letter, questioned some contradictions then crumpled it up and threw it at Crisp, striking him. Crisp then reportedly came around the desk and struck Johnston two to three times, knocking him to the floor.

According to Johnston, he then went to the campus police department who helped him obtain medical help at Soldiers and Sailors Hospital for head, neck and facial injuries.

Crisp testified in court that the incident happened in a different way.

Crisp said that he gave Johnston the letter in his office, but that he was on the same side of the desk, leaning against it while Johnston read the letter so as to reduce the tension of the procedure.

"I knew Tom was capable of getting very angry over the letter," Crisp said.

He claimed he was not paying attention to Johnston while he read the letter because he had a lot on his mind and was concerned about his missing daughter.

"I was concerned about my daughter," Crisp said. "I don't think I was on edge though."

Crisp didn't look at Johnston until he heard him crumple up the paper. He then watched as Johnston balled the paper in his fist and then reached that fist out at him.

Crisp claimed that he blocked the punch, grabbed Johnston's wrist and then open hand slapped him, knocking him to the floor.

"I was defending myself," Crisp said. "I was threatened by his fist."

According to Crisp, Johnston proceeded to grin, seat himself, ask for the letter and say "Gotcha."

In the defense's closing remarks, George Lepley, Jr., attorney, asked the jury to compare the two men's testimonies when making the decision.

"Only Mr. Johnston and Mr. Crisp know what happened in that room," Lepley said. "It more logically occurred the way that Mr. Crisp testified than the way that Mr. Johnston testified."

District Attorney John F. Cowley asked the jury to look at post attack pictures of Johnston and consider the amount of physical damage Crisp

inflicted with supposedly only one hit. According to Cowley, Johnston suffered several "goose eggs" and "abrasions" from the blows he received during the incident.

The events that lead to the reprimand and the incident itself were also discussed at the trial.

Joseph Maresco, vice president of student affairs, testified at the trial and told the *Flashlight* in an out of court interview, of the events that led to Crisp's reprimand of Johnston.

According to Maresco, the reprimand revolved around Johnston's involvement with a MAC related issue and to Johnston's prompting Mike McElhinney to write a letter questioning the use of money in last year's Livestock music festival.

"There was concern about some of the expenditures at Livestock and whether MAC was getting its monies worth," Maresco said.

Crisp was the advisor of the organization and the advisor for the festival at the time. The whole issue soon became a concern between Crisp and



Clarence Crisp, director of student activities, was found guilty of a misdemeanor this week

Johnston, Maresco said.

"There was a difference of
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Female student attacked on campus

by Daniel Mendonça
Flashlight editor

Last February 22 around 1:00 a.m., another incident involving harassment and stalking took place at Mansfield University. A female student who was walking back from Cedarcrest to her dorm room was attacked by a white male.

According to Karen Pelensky Collier, director of police and safety services, the victim was grabbed from behind while walking through a path located behind the admissions house, which connects the tennis court with Cedarcrest.

As Collier explained, when the student was attacked, she started yelling and fighting her way out of the attacker's

grip. As she struggled free, the individual ran away.

"The individual seems to be white, of student age, but unfortunately unknown," Collier said.

The student filed a police report on the same night of the incident, Collier said, however, she was not injured and did not want medical treatment.

"We (campus police) encourage anyone who's been attacked to call the police immediately, whether or not a criminal prosecution is going to take place," Collier said.

Collier emphasized the importance of students not walking alone through dark paths and short cuts.

According to Collier, there is an ongoing investigation on the case.

Student Voices

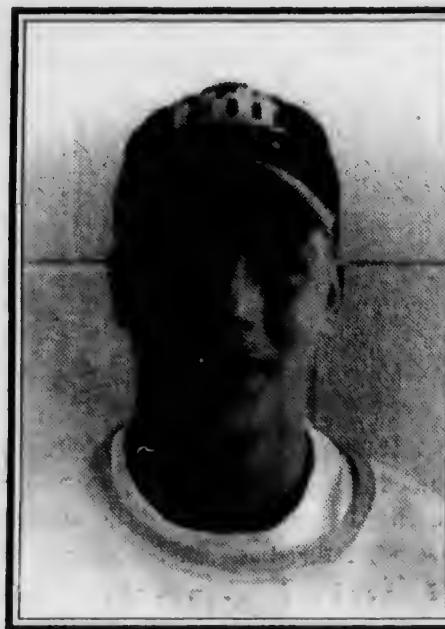
by Sam Cleveland

Q. "Do you think that child day care should be provided on campus?"



Tracy Holcomb
Junior

"Yes, I think it would be great for the community and student body. For education students it would be a wonderful hands on experience."



Scott Moul
Freshman

"I think it is a positive thing for the school. It would also raise the attendance."



Natalie Sabo
Freshman

"Yes, not only would it help busy parents have quality time to study, but it also would provide more job openings for students."



Heather Childs
Senior

"Yes I do. I know many girls who have been discouraged about going to college because they have children. A facility like this might encourage them to give college a try."

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trial date is March 6.

Sandra Falicki, 20, an MU junior, at the same address. She was charged with one count of possession of a controlled substance, one count of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, and one count of delivery of a controlled substance. Falicki allegedly sold two bags of marijuana to an informant for \$50 on Oct. 25, 1995. Her bail was set at \$8,500. Her preliminary trial date is set for March 6.

Matthew Noldy, 19, a sophomore at MU, also at 96 Sherwood St. He has been charged with one count of possession of a controlled substance, two counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, one count of delivery of a controlled substance and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia. He allegedly sold \$50 in marijuana to a confidential informant. When he was arrested, police allegedly found paraphernalia and a small amount of marijuana. His bail was set at \$12,500. His preliminary trial date is also set for March 6.

MU Freshman Chris Smith, 19, of 517 Cedarcrest dormitory was arrested and charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance, two counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and two counts of delivery of a controlled substance. A confidential informant allegedly made a controlled buy of one-quarter ounce of marijuana from Smith on Oct. 31, 1995 for \$65. A confidential informant also allegedly made a controlled buy from Smith of four one-eighth ounce bags of marijuana for \$70. When Smith was arrested, several pipes used for the smoking controlled substances along with marijuana seeds, scales and packing materials were allegedly found. Smith's bail was set at \$12,500, and the date for his preliminary trial is March 6.

Freshman Paul Rozaleski, 18, was arrested on charges of allegedly selling marijuana to a confidential informant in Alumni Hall on Jan. 23, 1995. He is charged with one count of possession of a controlled substance, one count of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and delivery of a controlled substance. His bail was set at \$8500. His preliminary trial will take place on March 6.

Sophomore Jason Arnold, 20, was arrested on charges of making several sales to a confidential informant. Arnold allegedly sold 25 hits of LSD for \$125 to an undercover informant. He also allegedly sold four bags of angel dust (PCP), a quarter-ounce of marijuana and six hits of LSD to a confidential informant on another occasion. He was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and delivery of a controlled substance for the sale of each drug. Additional charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance were acquired at the time of Arnold's arrest. His bail was set at \$35,000. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for March 6.

John P. Medunic, 34, of Mansfield was the only individual arrested in the drug bust on Feb. 29 who is not an MU student. He was charged with three counts of possession of a controlled substance, three counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and three charges of delivery of a controlled substance. Medunic allegedly sold \$15 of marijuana to a confidential informant on Aug. 16, 1995, one-quarter

of an ounce of marijuana to a confidential informant for \$65 on Sept. 5, 1995 and another quarter of an ounce to a confidential informant for \$65 on Sept. 27, 1995. His bail was set at \$15,000. His preliminary hearing is to take place on March 8.

According to Shaw, there were no problems in taking the eight individuals into custody.

"We didn't have anybody resist, and we didn't find any weapons," Shaw said.

The investigation was a coordinated effort of law enforcement agencies consisting of the PA Attorney General's office, the Mansfield borough police department, the MU police department, the Tioga County District Attorney's office and the Blossburg Borough police department.

The investigation was initiated in the community but it eventually led the officers to the university.

According to Karen Pelensky Collier, director of police and safety services, MU campus police have been involved in the investigation since she joined the force in Aug. 1995.

"I don't think that our problem at the university is any different than the problems in the community or the problems of any city," Collier said.

Despite this, Shaw questions the community's knowledge of the drug situation in town.

"There is a portion of the community that realizes there seems to be a resurgence of drugs in the area," Shaw said. "But there's still a portion of the community that doesn't realize the significance of the problem."

According to Shaw, several arrests had been made in this investigation in the past three months.

MU Senior Cornell Smith and former MU student Maurice Jordan were arrested on Dec. 28, 1995 each on one count of possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and delivery of a controlled substance after they had allegedly sold marijuana to an undercover informant. Both waived preliminary trials.

Derrick Reico, 27, of 120 Morris St. Blossburg was arrested on Jan. 26 for possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver one count of delivery of a controlled substance and one count of conspiracy after he allegedly sold approximately one-quarter of an ounce of marijuana to a confidential informant.

According to court records, Reico allegedly conspired with his brother Dwayne Reico, 25, also of 120 Morris St. Blossburg to go get one-quarter of an ounce of marijuana and sell it to a confidential informant for \$60. They allegedly agreed to get the marijuana and sell it to the confidential informant.

According to Shaw, conspiracy is a felony.

Dwayne Reico was also charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, delivery of a controlled substance and conspiracy in the same incident.

Former MU student David Kappell was arrested on Feb. 16 after a confidential informant allegedly made three controlled buys from him. He is charged with three counts of possession of a controlled substance, three counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and three counts of delivery of a controlled substance.

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Red Cross blood drive a success at Mansfield

by Chris McGann
layout editor

The American Red Cross blood drive held on Wednesday has been deemed a success.

According to JoAnn Horton of the Tioga County Chapter of the American Red Cross, 212 people registered. Of those, 193 units were accepted. The Red Cross' goal was 190 units.

"Our region is in the process of rebuilding our much needed blood supplies following the disaster of January," Horton said in a press release.

Tom Johnston, assistant director of student activities, said nine people were unable to bleed and ten were deferred for various reasons. Usually this is because a person has taken medicine recently.

Student to have article published
magazine publication.

She said she worked in Seneca over the summer and did some additional research for the story.

Hindman instructed her student on an individual basis because Geer didn't think that she would be on campus when the course was being offered.

Geer said that she is excited about having her piece published.

"I have never been paid to do homework before," she said.

Hindman also said that she is pleased.

"Carrie is only the second person to have something published," Hindman said. She added that she is not the regular professor of the class and has only taught it about eight times.

The other publication happened about six or seven years ago, Hindman added.

The article will appear in the May-June issue of *New York Outdoors*.

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opinion whether the awareness of the concern reached Mr. Crisp in a timely matter," Maresco said. "I was aware that there was also a concern emanating over the appropriateness of language used (by Johnston)."

Crisp charged that Johnston used inappropriate language in reference to him and that it was part of the reason for the reprimand.

However, Maresco did not see McElhinney letter as being the direct reason for the situation.

"The letter was only peripheral to the assault," Maresco said.

In addition to examining the occurrences which lead to the reprimand, the jury heard from witnesses who testified on behalf of Crisp's character.

Barbara Morgan, Student Activities Office secretary, testified that she had never heard of Crisp acting in a violent manner before the incident.

"I would say he is truthful and honest," Morgan said. "I have never heard anything other than that he is peaceful and nonviolent."

In an out of court interview, Johnston claimed that he felt exonerated by the outcome of the trial.

"I was telling the truth, I always tell the truth, there is nothing more important to me than the truth," Johnston said.

Johnston said that he felt uncomfortable during the school's investigation of the matter because there was

The Red Cross checks all blood for syphilis, hepatitis, HTLV-1 (a rare leukemia) and HIV. When a person donates blood, they are given a sheet with medical questions which assures donors that no one can get HIV or AIDS from donating blood.

Twenty-eight people were first time donors.

The blood drive was sponsored by the student union, Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council, All Residence Hall Council, ARA, and Student Government Association.

According to Johnston volunteers from PanHel and IFC helped with set up and tear down in North Dining Hall and helped with distributing juice and cookies to donors. Johnston added that people outside of the fraternities and sororities helped. SGA and ARA provided the food.



Photo by Liz Barrett

A Red Cross nurse prepares to take blood from a student donor.

All Residence Hall Council sponsored a contest for anyone who donated blood. The prizes were \$50 gift certificates to Wal-Mart. The winners were Heather Farr, Amy Leonard, and

Karen Bloom.

"I was really pleased with the volunteers that were there," Johnston said.

Club Canada, computer printout charges discussed at SGA meeting

James Moyer
staff reporter

This week's Student Government Association meeting played host to representatives from the Computer Advisory Committee and Club Canada.

Club Canada president Chris McGann gave a presentation to SGA that he hoped would answer any questions and concerns about the organization.

"It (Club Canada) was primarily set up to promote relations between the United States and Canada," McGann said.

Some members of SGA had the impression that the group was organized to plan Canadian trips for other organizations on campus.

McGann emphasized the club's true intentions, and SGA then voted on whether or not to formally recognize Club Canada.

An administrative proposal which would involve the charging of students for printouts at all computer labs was also discussed.

"I would have no problem paying for high quality printing, but I think that free printing should be made available to students" Rustin Kreider, Computer Advisory Committee representative said.

Vice President of Student Affairs Joseph Maresco gave an explanation for the University proposing such actions.

"It has been proposed due to the huge increase in the cost of paper, and

the fact that some students abuse the availability of that paper," Maresco said.

Among other topics brought before SGA was the new academic policy involving the student withdrawal period.

"We, as students, must appeal the issue if we do not agree with the policy," student government president Kenyatta Johnson.

According to Maresco, the new policy does not approach the brief withdrawal period which existed at MU until quite recently.

"I came here in '72, and it has only been within the past three to four years that students could withdraw from classes up to the last day of the semester," Maresco said.

It was then suggested that SGA encourage students to attend the Faculty Senate meetings.

According to Maresco, decisions involving academic policies are made at Faculty Senate meetings.

"I encourage you to get involved," Maresco said. "But make sure you have all of your ammunition."

Maresco also commented that in order for the students who attend such meetings to be taken seriously, they must attend regularly.

"You have to get in it for the long haul," Maresco said.

SGA wishes to remind all students of the upcoming SGA elections.

Interested students can pick up and application in the Student Affairs Office which is located in 120 Pinecrest.

Application deadline is April 5th.

Police Beat

02/22/96

15:45 Missing/wanted person.
16:30 Theft of wallet.

02/24/96

15:00 Disorderly conduct.
Unknown person(s) throwing oranges from dorm window.

17:20 Medical assist. Three individuals traveling from New Jersey. One of the individuals taken ill, difficulty breathing. Dispatched ambulance via 911.

22:02 Criminal mischief. Bathroom mirror broken in unknown manner by unknown person(s).

02/25/96

01:16 Complaint reported that an unknown subject removed a mirror

from the wall in the hallway on the third floor of Maple A and threw the mirror out the window.

02/26/96

15:25 Medical assist. Possible overdose of over-the-counter medication. Ambulance dispatched. Individual refused medical treatment and transport to Soldiers and Sailors Hospital.

17:45 Report of harassment.

02/27/96

11:45 Report of theft. Library reference book. Discovered when alarm was activated.

02/28/96

15:38 Motor vehicle accident. Moderate damage.



Around the Nation

Manager apparently crashed into bus stop on purpose

MASRA SHARKIYA, West Bank (AP) — After initially declaring a deadly car crash accidental, police said Tuesday that a Palestinian-American probably crashed his car deliberately into a crowd of Israelis.

Ahmed Abdel Hamida told friends to "watch me on TV tonight" before renting the car. And police said a reenactment showed Hamida probably drove into a crowded bus stop intentionally.

An Israeli woman was killed and 23 people were injured in the crash, which occurred a day after two Islamic suicide bombers killed 23 Israelis and two Americans. Three settlers shot the 36-year-old Hamida to death after he got out of his car and tried to flee.

Police said Hamida apparently acted alone, even though a leaflet of the Muslim militant group Islamic Jihad was found in his rented Fiat Uno.

Hamida had paid the car rental for a week and had bags of groceries in the car, suggesting that if Monday's crash was an attack, it was not well-planned.

In July, Hamida returned to his home village of Masra Sharkiya near the West Bank town of Ramallah after spending eight years in Los Angeles. In the United States, he first worked as a street vendor,

then was hired as a manager by a younger brother who owned a supermarket.

Police said Hamida turned to Islam recently. The Haaretz newspaper said Hamida's return to his village and his religion were part of a self-prescribed therapy to get off drugs.

"We are talking about a repentant Muslim, apparently a rather strange man," Jerusalem police chief Arieh Amit said.

Relatives were reluctant to talk about Hamida, but a cousin said Hamida had used drugs. He said Ahmed Hamida married in the United States.

Jad Hamida said his cousin told him over the weekend that he wanted to go on a trip with the rented car and invited him along. Jad decided to stay home.

Hafez Barghouti, a Palestinian newspaper editor, said Ahmed Hamida came to his office in Ramallah two hours before the crash.

The editor said Hamida walked in with his pants rolled up to his knees and held a pile of newspaper clippings that contained verses from the Koran, the Muslim holy book.

"He looked weird. He tried to persuade me to stop publishing Koranic verses," Barghouti said, adding that his visitor apparently felt this was blasphemy.

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Kappell incurred two more counts of possession of a controlled substance and one count of possession with intent to deliver after his truck was searched upon his arrest. Three and one-half ounces of marijuana, scales and plastic bags were seized during his arrest.

Kappell's bail was set at \$40,000 by Signor. His preliminary trial is set for March 8.

David Majewski, 22, a junior at MU, was arrested on Feb. 20. He was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance, two counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and two counts of delivery of a controlled substance after he allegedly sold to an undercover informant on Oct. 18, 1995. He was released on prior bond.

Brian Wood, 21, of 152 Saint James St. in Mansfield was arrested on Feb. 28. He allegedly sold one-quarter of an ounce of marijuana to a confidential informant for \$55 in a controlled buy on Jan. 31. On Feb. 2, Wood allegedly sold approximately one-quarter of an ounce of marijuana in three separate \$20 bags to a confidential informant for \$60. A confidential informant allegedly made a controlled buy of one-quarter of an ounce of marijuana from Wood at 33 West Wellsboro St. in the parking lot of the Timesaver Convenience Mart on Feb. 8.

Approximately three ounces of marijuana were allegedly seized when Wood's bedroom was searched. He is charged with four counts of possession of a controlled substance, three counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and three counts of de-

livery of a controlled substance.

Jeremiah Trump, a student of Mansfield High school was arrested on Feb. 28. He allegedly sold one-half of an ounce of marijuana to a confidential informant for \$100 on Oct. 24, 1995.

Trump was charged with one count of possession of a controlled substance, one count of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and one count of delivery of a controlled substance.

"There are high school students that are using (drugs)," Shaw said. "Someone has to be supplying."

According to Joseph Maresco, vice president of student affairs, MU will take disciplinary action if the university is partner to the evidence and if the behavior of the students is against university policy or impacts the mission of the university.

"The university may take action if the evidence is shared with us by the police agencies," Maresco said.

Evidence from the investigation will not be available to the university until the police agencies have closed the cases.

It could take up to a year for a criminal hearing and trial to come through, Collier said.

"I think that the investigation is a positive step," Collier said. "We saw that we have a problem and we wanted to address it appropriately."

According to Shaw, the investigation will continue and further arrests are anticipated.

"I think there's a good deal more going on than we've hit," Shaw said.

Cuban-Americans cheer Clinton for getting tough

UNION CITY, N.J. (AP) — Grocer Abel Hernandez and several customers at his store gathered around a television to watch President Clinton get tough with the man who rules their homeland.

"Phenomenal," Hernandez said after Clinton imposed a broad range of sanctions against Cuba for shooting down two planes from a Miami-based anti-Castro group.

"We want to close all the doors to Castro and this is the closest we've gotten," Hernandez said.

Clinton's actions Monday were cheered by Cuban-Americans in northern New Jersey, which has the country's largest Cuban-American population outside Miami. Earlier this month, Clinton visited a Union City school.

"Mr. Clinton has a very important place in all the Cubans' hearts," Lourdes Lopez said.

Other Cuban-Americans, however, said the president should have been even tougher in punishing Fidel Castro.

"The president simply didn't go far enough," said Rep. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., a son of Cuban immigrants.

Others said Clinton's suspension of charter travel to Havana would not affect Castro but would be a hardship to those with family in Cuba.

"This played right into the hands of Fidel Castro," said Delvis Fernandez, executive director of the Fort Lee-based Cuban American Alliance. "We have become, in a sense, as mean-spirited as the

Hillary Clinton speaks to Womens Leadership Forum

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton delivered a campaign-style speech before nearly 3,000 women Monday that touched on all seven themes her husband used last month in his State of the Union address.

In her address to the Women's Leadership Forum, an organization of the Democratic National Committee, Mrs. Clinton said the final presidential election before the turn of the century will take on historic proportions.

"The election of 1996 will be written in history books. It will determine if we go forward with hope and optimism or if we give into our worst fears," Mrs. Clinton said.

Attendees paid up to \$1,000 for the chance to hear the first lady's 33-minute speech and remarks by Tipper Gore, Vice President Al Gore's wife.

dictator."

The U.S. Coast Guard ended its search Monday night for the four men aboard the planes shot down Saturday. The men were volunteers for Brothers to the Rescue, which searches for rafters trying to escape the Communist nation.

Cuba scoffed at suggestions Brothers to the Rescue was doing humanitarian work, calling the group a "terrorist Mafia that has worked out repugnant and bloody plans against our people."

Juan Pablo Roque, who defected to the United States in 1992 and had been a volunteer pilot with Brothers to the Rescue, returned to his homeland Friday and said he gave the Castro government information about the exile group.

Several Cuba watchers say Saturday's shooting was almost inevitable.

"Brothers to the Rescue has been trying since last July to provoke a confrontation between the governments of the United States and Cuba," said Andres Gomez, the leader of the Antonio Maceo Brigade.

"They achieved it," Gomez said.

Several other anti-Castro groups based in Miami have made hit-and-run sabotage attacks in Cuba over the past 20 years. Some of the members of the militant organizations have been caught and imprisoned in Cuba.

"It was just a matter of time before Fidel would react to this little crack in the door," said Jaime Suchlicki, a University of Miami professor of international studies.

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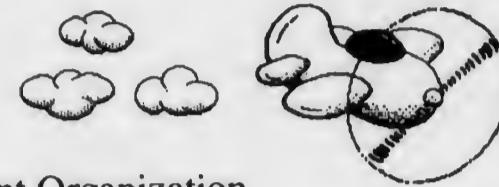
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Wed. at 4 pm Belknap Hall, rm 113 (seminar).

WOMEN'S ARTS AND CULTURE WEEK 3/31 - 4/4: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CULTURE NIGHT.
Take part in a panel discussion on international cultures followed by a potluck of international food on April 3 at 7 pm in 204 Memorial Hall. Women interested in talking about their cultures (including American cultures) and bringing a representative dish to pass should call Andrea Harris at 4591 or Lynn Pifer at 4384.

Help the environment and the **Geography Club**. Please place empty aluminum cans and empty clear glass bottles (no lids please) in designated recycling bins that are located in dorms and buildings on campus. If garbage continues to be thrown along with cans filled with liquids, we will not be able to recycle them. Thanks for your cooperation. Heath, Geography Club President.



MAC MEETING
The Mansfield Activities Council meets every Tues. night at 9 pm in Lower Memorial. All students are invited to attend.

WOMEN'S ARTS AND CULTURE WEEK 3/31 - 4/4: OPEN MIC
Women from the campus community are invited to read their fiction, poetry and prose at a Women's Open Mic on April 4 at 3:30 in Pinecrest Lounge. If you have questions, please call Andrea Harris at 4591.

There will be a meeting of the MU Council on **Freedom of Expression** on Wed. March 27 in Belknap 112 at 4 pm. The topic of discussion will be student home pages and other forms of expression on the Internet. What are the risks, given Password or other (national) standards? Hear a brief review of problems students have encountered (at Carnegie Mellon, Cornell, and U. of Mass.- Amherst) involving scatalogical and obscene statements, and "hate speech." Bring your own plans or concerns.

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Provision of child day care imperative in Mansfield

As the petition for a child day care on campus circulates among faculty members and hands of concerned students, we at the *Flashlight* become more and more convinced of its necessity.

Child day care on campus should be seen as a human issue, rather than a gender based argument. Both male and female faculty members, staff and students on this campus find themselves spending more time worrying about their children than actually spending quality time with them.

A child day care center on campus would not only be an opportunity for parents to see their children more often, but it would also make Mansfield University a more attractive campus for incoming students with children. For instance, education majors could take great advantage of a child day care and acquire real life experience working with young kids.

Many people with children wish to go back to school and many are discouraged to attend college because of financial and schedule conflicts. A child day care on campus would encourage non-traditional and single parents to go back to school, as well as help young first-time students to begin.

Because many students on campus have children, administration seems to be taking a more positive approach to this issue. In the past five years, many attempts were made by different groups to reestablish child day care on campus. Unfortunately, the idea wasn't on the administration's list of priorities.

Since the latest petition has been in circulation, positive response of faculty, staff and students has been overwhelming. MU administration seems to now have a new plan in mind; a plan which would bring a child day care facility to our campus.

A child day care facility would be a positive thing for everyone on this campus. For students with children, it would mean less worry about their loved ones, in effect, students would be able to dedicate more time to their classes and take full advantage of their education.

Professors with children, who depend on child day care services, would be more comfortable about bringing them to school. This would then allow them to teach more effectively instead of worrying about possible emergencies.

We at the *Flashlight* understand that a day care on campus won't give parents all the time they wish they had to spend with their children, but it would certainly help them both, parents and children, to feel safer in any circumstance.

Many parents have no more than four hours a day with their kids because of time schedule conflicts, and we understand that it is not healthy. Children by nature feed on their parents' love, and just like any other intake, love should be given in small, but frequent portions, and a day care on campus would certainly allow that to happen.

Commentary policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary you may turn it in to the *Flashlight* office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writer's name, major, class and phone number. Non-students are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week, we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.



This space is reserved for you! If you have any questions, concerns or comments that you would like to voice to the campus, write us a letter to the editor.

Letters to the editor policy

The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is not willing to take responsibility for the letter's content. So, why should we?

In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The *Flashlight* reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the *Flashlight* office, 217 Memorial Hall, Monday through Friday, or mailed to the above address.

Hey! Due to the lack of people left on campus the Friday before Spring Break, there will be no *Flashlight* next week. Look for us on March 22. Have a great break!

Commentary

1996 Olympic game preparations discussed



Dave Barry

I cannot wait for that dramatic moment when the torch-carrying runner enters the stadium and, in a dramatic gesture symbolizing the essence of the Olympic spirit, buys a vowel.

Recently, I went to Atlanta to check on the preparations for the 1996 Olympic Games (official motto: Put Your Corporate Motto Here for \$40 Million").

As the organizers modestly point out at every opportunity, these will be the biggest Olympic games in the history of the universe. They're going to be HUGE. Take a look at some of these numbers:

— TOTAL BUDGET: \$1.6 billion

— NUMBER OF ATHLETES COMPETING: Over 10,000

— NUMBER OF EVENTS: 271

— NUMBER OF EVENTS LEFT ONCE YOU ELIMINATE ALL THE MUTANT SPORTS LIKE SYNCHRONIZED KAYAKING: Maybe 6

— TV AUDIENCE (counting everybody on Earth seven times): 35 billion

— NUMBER OF MOLECULES IN A SINGLE GRAIN OF SALT: 470 trillion

— NUMBER OF TIMES THE AVERAGE AMERICAN WILL SEE AN ACTIVITY SUCH AS WINNING THE POLE VAULT WITH AN ACTIVITY SUCH AS SHRINKING SWOLLEN HEMORRHOIDAL TISSUE: 2,537

— ESTIMATED NUMBER OF TIMES SOME AMERICAN, SOMEWHERE, SITTING ON HIS BARCALOUNGER AND WATCHING THE GAMES, WILL LOOK AT "IZZY," THE OFFICIAL CUTE CARTOON MASCOT OF THE OLYMPICS, AND SAY, "DANG IT, MARGE, THAT THING LOOKS LIKE A SPERM": 7,172,219.

— TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WILL COME TO ATLANTA THIS JULY: 17 million

As you can imagine, every single resident of Atlanta is wildly excited about the Olympics, except for those residents who have been sick of the whole thing since roughly 1991. The city is being transformed by a frenzy of construction. When I visited, a huge new state-of-the-art stadium was being finished; immediately upon completion, it will, in a demonstration of just how frenzied this town is, be torn down and replaced by an even NEWER stadium for the actual games. That is only one example of how these games are Creating Jobs and Boosting the Local Economy. Also, all the major highways in north-central Georgia are being reconstructed

so that, when viewed from the air, they spell out

'COCA-COLA WELCOMES THE OLYMPICS.' (This project was planned before anyone realized that "Olympics" has a "y" in it.)

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Of course, the Olympics are not just about big corporations paying ridiculous sums of money to be official sponsors. The Olympics are also about ordinary sports fans — people like you — paying ridiculous sums of money for lodging. I saw a classified advertisement in the Atlanta Journal and Constitution in which somebody was offering to rent a four-bedroom, two-bath home during the Olympics for \$10,000, which doesn't sound too unreasonable until you notice that this home is located in central Alabama. Really. Lodging anywhere near Atlanta is going to way, WAY more.

As an American and a sports fan, you're probably wondering if you can cash in on this. I think so. The official 1996 Olympics Travel and Accommodations Guide has a map showing four official Housing Zones as concentric circles increasingly distant from Atlanta: Zone 4 includes Nashville, Tenn. So let's say you have a house in Wichita, Kan.: All you do is put an add in the Journal and Constitution offering to rent

Olympic housing in, say, Zone 9 (Seattle would be Zone 11; Taiwan would be Zone 23). Go ahead! Give it a shot! You can't win if you don't enter the race!

Speaking of which, there will also be, weather permitting, some athletic events connected with the 1996 Olympics. If you would like to obtain tickets to see one of these events, hahahaha.

No, seriously, there are a total of 11 million event tickets for the game, and although most of these are snatched directly off the printing press by Olympic officials, corporate sponsors, heads of state, local politicians, the media, celebrities, organized crime and rich people in general, that still leaves, for distribution to the general public, a number (3) of prime tickets to the quarter-finals of the Cross-Country Badminton event. If you would like to apply for a chance to receive these tickets on a first-come, first-served random lottery basis, place a wad of cash in an envelope and mail it to Fair Tickets Sweepstakes, c/o Dave Barry, Olympic Housing Zone 8.

But even if you are not fortunate enough to be able to see the Olympic games in person, you'll still be able to be a part of the Olympic experience by watching every second of the coverage, including commercials, on TV. (Don't even get up to take a shower! Just squirt some official Avon fragrance in your armpits and KEEP WATCHING!) It's going to be a wonderful thing, and I for one cannot wait for that dramatic moment in the July 19 opening ceremony when the torch-carrying runner enters the stadium and, in a dramatic gesture symbolizing the essence of the Olympic spirit, buys a vowel.

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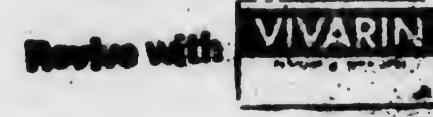
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Unmentionables

Liquid edibles make life worth living

Squirt it, spread it, or just eat it with a spoon. It's great!!!

by Ian Kaiser
staff epitaph

So with all the depressing issues that confront us daily, I feel the need to discuss something a little lighter, something uplifting, something one can confront with a little bit of levity. In this dark, malevolent world, full of pain, suffering and revolting acts of blatant cruelty, we need to be able to look at something and smile. One such gleaming light in the infinite blackness of the human condition is evident in the form of liquid edibles.

Now, I must confess, I do not actually know what liquid edibles are, but the name certainly does open the mind to speculation. But it must be something wonderful. I discovered this concept recently while voyaging on Route 15. I noticed a truck driving in front of me, upon which was boldly emblazoned the emblem "Liquid Edibles." The absence of any other observable legend or information pertaining to the contents of the mysterious silver liquid edibles tanker only added to the possibility for speculation. What, in fact, did that simple statement "Liquid Edibles" pertain to?

It seems to me that this must

be a positive thing. It conjures up images of the world of the future. As millions of happy, smiling people drink liquid edibles from sterilized bottles with hygienic disposable straws, evolution progresses at a blinding pace. But the question still remains, however wonderful the concept may be: just what is a liquid edible?

I can think of many wonderful products on the market today that could be classified as liquid edibles. Yoo Hoo, Cheeze Whiz, SlimFast, Egg Beaters, Maple-flavored Table Syrup, and Liquid Butter are all products that have vastly improved our standard of living. Ready-made liquid edibles, chock full of vitamins, minerals, additives, preservatives and artificial flavors eliminate any need to waste precious time cooking or worrying about dietary matters. We can conserve energy, reduce stress and still remain healthy by letting Nabisco-Campbell-Leaf-Pepsi-Sysco Foods Partnership, Inc. make all our liquid edible meals for us. Isn't that one of the many things that makes this country of ours great?

This brings us back to the contents of the gleaming silver liquid edibles tanker truck. We pulled up along side and made various noises to attract the driver's attention, but it was to no avail. My companions and I were doomed to

fruitless speculation about the identity of this particular liquid edible being transported south on Route 15. It may well have been on its way to be bottled, boxed, or packaged in some way, then transported to stores where overjoyed consumers will be able to drink... ummm... eat... well, consume it, anyway. Which brings up the question: How do you consume liquid edible?

I suppose if it was just some type of beverage, it would be classified merely as a liquid. But if it was some type of solid food in the normal sense, it would just be classified as an edible. And it would not be transported in a tanker truck. So do you drink it, eat it, or some bizarre combination of the two? This edible hybrid of liquid and solid is an amazing step forward for science and the food industry. I guess it really doesn't matter if you eat or drink liquid edibles, but my bet is that the most important utensil of the 21st century will be the spoon. Whether it be predominantly liquid or edible, you can eat it with a spoon. You can eat anything with a spoon, if you have enough persistence. Or put it on a piece of bread, which I have heard will soon be available in liquid form as well. So long live the foods of the new era, and have a big glass of cheese sandwich for me. I'm going to go cook myself a meal.

"I come from the future!"

"It was sort of a group rub or something."

Mentionables

Rumble in the Bronx good film pick for action fans

by Matt Brewster
staff Chan fan

Rumble in the Bronx
Starring: Jackie Chan
Director: Stanley Tong
New Line Cinema, 1996
Rated R

Rumble in the Bronx is the new movie starring a worldwide box office champ. His name is Jackie Chan and he's number one in Asia. Before the onslaught of previews for *Rumble* hit the small screen, many Americans didn't know who Chan was and most still aren't familiar with his type of movie. But the truth is that Jackie Chan has been around since the seventies. His first starring role was in *Drunken Master* (1978). Audiences in Japan fell in love with his action/comedy acting style. Jackie Chan uses everyday objects to fight with and does his own stunts, which are two

things that set him apart from other martial arts stars such as Jean-Claude Van Damme and Steven Seagal. When Chan fights, if there is a phone handy, he can turn it into a lethal weapon.

I'll admit that I went into "Rumble" thinking that I would be seeing Jackie Chan selling out to gain American audiences, but I was wrong. This movie is true to the classic Chan style, funny and action packed. And even though this is not the first Hollywood feature that Chan has starred in, it will probably be the most successful.

In the film Chan plays Keung, a man from Asia who comes to America for his uncle's wedding. When his uncle and his new wife go on their honeymoon, Keung agrees to help manage his grocery store in the Bronx. His style of management revolves around beating up anyone who causes trouble. A drug deal gone bad



Photo from Philadelphia Inquirer
Jackie Chan, action movie star, makes his American film debut in the new film *Rumble in the Bronx*.

outside his apartment results in a car crash, and the druglord's diamonds come up missing. Keung then finds them while searching his neighbor's wheel-

chair cushion. The druglord, in order to persuade him to return the diamonds, has some of his dealers trash Keung's uncle's store and kidnap his friends.

Keung then goes to the police for help and together they formulate a plan. When Keung meets with the drug dealers, he gets them to reveal the druglord's name. The dealers get orders from the druglord to kill him. However, Keung beats them up before they can. The cops then come in and chase the dealers to a nearby bay where they escape in a hovercraft and take off into mid-town New York. Keung "borrows" a Lamborghini and a sword and goes after them. He pokes holes in the hovercraft with the sword, and the dealers get busted. With a little help from some industrial strength duct tape, Keung repairs the holes in the hovercraft and goes after the druglord. He is playing golf when Keung decides to run over him with his new inflatable toy.

Regardless of whether or not you're a Jackie Chan fan, this is a real fun movie to watch. It is probably a mid to low budget film (but so was *The Crow*), and many people will no doubt be uncomfortable with the fact that it is dubbed in English.

Some low points - the acting was certainly not the best I've seen. Although Chan is a talented actor, at times his acting was mediocre at best compared to the others. The story was fast-paced but occasionally seemed unbelievable.

However, the good parts of the movie more than compensated for the low points. I highly recommend this film. And if you go, stay to watch the outtakes during the end credits. They're priceless. Also, if you're interested in seeing more Jackie Chan films, check out *The Protector*, *Drunken Master* and *Drunken Master 2* (which will be out later this year), *Police Story*, and *Cannonball Run* among others.

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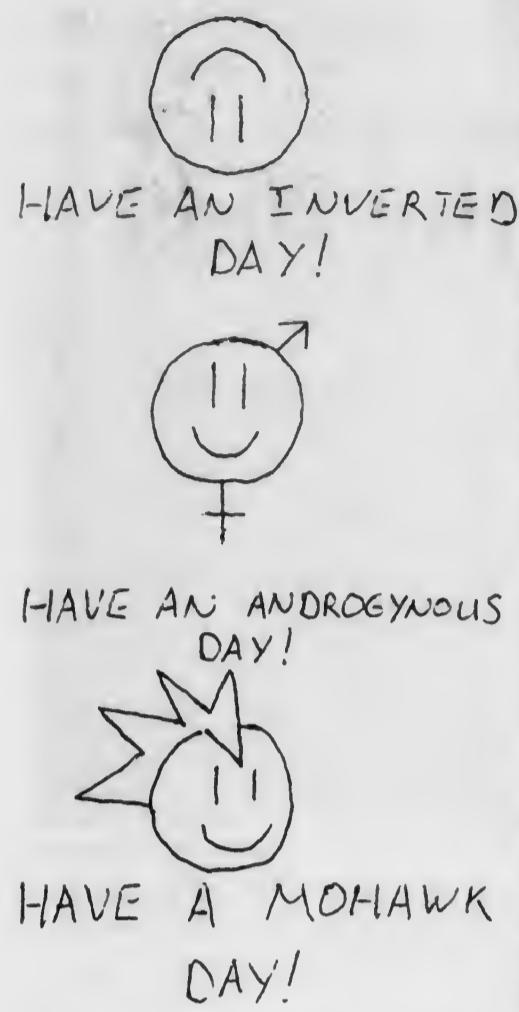
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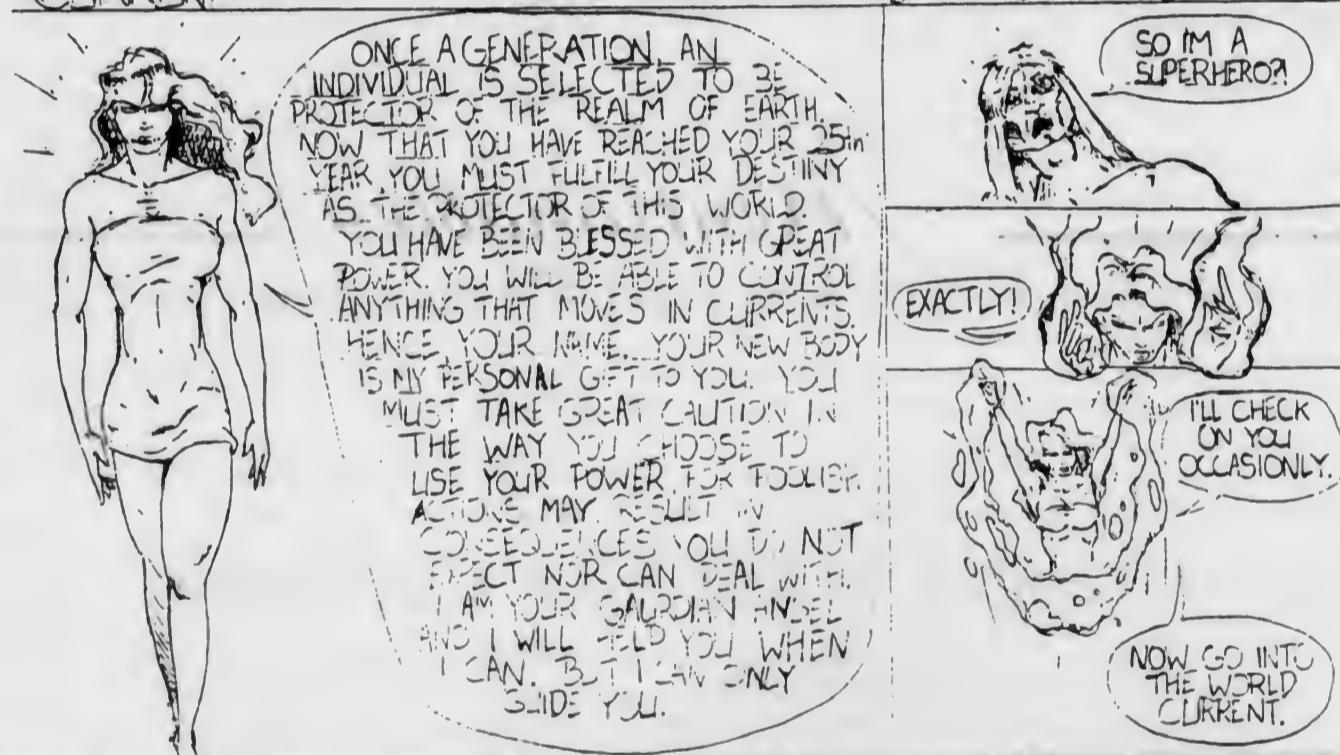


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The Flashlight

Diamond boys ready to take the field

by Darren A. Meehan
sports reporter

Mansfield's sluggers have readied their Louisville Sluggers for another season, and coach Harry Hillson is making final preparations for Saturday's double-header against Bowie State.

The Mounties are ranked ninth going into Saturday's games in Maryland and have been practicing every element of the game for more than six months.

"We have spent the past six weeks inside preparing and have made gradual improvements through the fall and winter, so all we can do now is hope for good weather," Hillson said.

The team has spent the past few months correcting plate errors and practicing proper fundamentals and Hillson isn't worried about batting.

"It doesn't do any good to worry now because it doesn't matter if we worry or not. These boys know what they have to do to score runs. We can't swing the bat for them. Besides, batting doesn't dictate success. As in most sports, baseball is a team contribution."

As diversified as the team is at the plate, the diamond boys should have no problem scoring. Center fielder Joe Skelly heads off the line-up, followed by second baseman Greg Robertson, who is one of the best Hillson has seen in his career at Mansfield.

Conventional wisdom dictates that home runs are the primary motive

of a batter, but the game relies on more strategy than that.

"When we are up to bat, we are looking to put men on base and then knock them in," Hillson said, "but home runs are good, too."

The teams first games will be a double header tomorrow and a double header Sunday at West Chester.

As characteristically confident as he has been all winter, Hillson is ready.

"We have done enough preparing and improving. It is time for us to let talent take over."

The starting line-up for Saturday is as follows: Joe Skelly (CF), Greg Robertson (2B), Chris Miller (RF), Paul Neatour (3B), Mike Resetar (C), Matt Butler (LF), Dana Harold (1B), Sean Eighmey (DH), A.J. Hoenstein (SS).



Photo by Sam Cleveland

Mountie hitters in the cage preparing for the opening of their 1996 season this weekend.

MU men's b-ball wrap-up 1995-96 season

by Joe Wagner
sports reporter

The Mansfield University Mountaineer men's basketball team dropped their final game of the season at Millersville University 68-64 last Saturday in what was to be Tyrone Fisher and Rick Shaw's last collegiate appearance.

The Friday before the game, Head Coach Tom Ackerman came down with the flu. At 9:30 the next morning, Ackerman made the decision to send his team to Millersville under the guidance of assistant coach Pat Donnelly.

"They (team) played as hard in

the Millersville game as any other game. In the back of their minds (Ackerman)...was a positive affect," Donnelly said.

The game was a close one. In all, there were over 20 lead changes or ties throughout. The Mounties trailed by one point with less than a minute left, but were unable to convert their last two shots.

With eight minutes left, Donnelly talked to Fisher on the sidelines.

"I'm really feeling it Coach," Fisher said who led the Mounties in total points.

Donnelly said that he told Fisher to go out and "create something

for himself." Fisher's last game was one of his best. He was five of nine from behind the three point line and led all scorers with his 26 points.

"Both played extremely well," Donnelly said of Rick Shaw and Fisher.

Shaw struggled early on in the game, but had a decent second half. He took control of the post and dominated inside. Shaw finished the game with 16 points.

"They were definitely an example of how players should play," Donnelly said. "They both played within themselves."

Freshman Steve Shannon contributed 13 points to the Mounties score and pulled down a game high nine re-

bounds. Barret Jones had five, John Sowell four and Louis Judson added three points.

With an average of 16.2 points per game, Judson led the team and was ranked fourth in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Eastern Division standings for scoring. He also ranked in the PSAC's top ten free throw shooting percentage (78.8%), field goal percentage (44.6%) and three point field goal percentage (42.1%).

Fisher scored 692 points over his career and is ranked second in school history in both steals (160) and assists (429).

Shaw closed his career as the fifth highest rebounder in the PSAC. He is also on the Mansfield all time list in sixth place for rebounding (530) and in third place for blocked shots (46).

The Mounties finished 10-16 overall, 1-11 in the PSAC.

"The most positive thing I can say is that I have a lot of pride and respect for our two senior. When you have a bad year, usually senior quit playing. They never stopped playing. They did a tremendous job," Ackerman said.

Stottlemyer eager to pitch for Cardinals

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Changing leagues is no big deal to St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Todd Stottlemyre, now that he is reunited with former manager Tony La Russa and pitching coach Dave Duncan.

Stottlemyre, 30, got his wish to follow the duo from Oakland during the off-season when St. Louis acquired him in a trade for outfielder Allen Battle and three minor-league pitchers.

Stottlemyre quickly struck a two-year deal with the Cardinals with a club option for a third.

"There's no doubt that when (La Russa and Duncan) signed on over here, I had somewhere in mind where I wanted to play, and that was the St. Louis Cardinals," Stottlemyre said. He will start Friday's spring exhibition opener against the Boston Red Sox in Fort Myers, Fla.

In 1995, the right-hander had a career-best 14-7 record for the A's, despite a 4.55 ERA. He ranked second in the American League and third in baseball with 205 strikeouts.

Stottlemyre spent his first

seven seasons in Toronto, appearing in four American League Championship Series and the 1992 and 1993 World Series against Atlanta and Philadelphia. He has a 83-77 record with a 4.41 ERA in 237 career appearances, including 31 in relief.

"Last year, he made some major advances in becoming a real quality major league pitcher," Duncan said. "He is just starting his prime years as a pitcher. His best days are ahead of him."

Flashlight

Athlete of the Week

Tyrone Fisher



Tyrone Fisher has been named Flashlight Athlete of the Week. Fisher ended his four year MU basketball career scoring 692 points.

Mansfield University Men's Basketball Statistics
Rebounds

PLAYER	G-GS	FG-A	%	3FG-A	%	FT-A	%	O	D	T	Avg.	PTS.	Avg.
B. Jones	26-7	95-283	33.6	54-173	31.2	36-50	72.0	15	51	66	2.5	280	10.8
R. Shaw	26-25	110-249	44.2	1-3	33.3	73-103	70.9	69	132	201	7.7	294	11.3
L. Judson	26-22	133-298	44.6	61-145	42.1	93-118	78.8	24	71	95	3.7	420	16.2
S. Shannon	26-21	71-145	49.0	0-3	0.0	23-30	76.7	49	92	141	5.4	165	6.3
J. Sowell	26-26	112-236	47.5	1-6	16.7	96-134	71.6	49	66	115	4.4	321	12.3
C. Smith	8-7	40-98	40.8	12-37	32.4	14-21	66.7	5	9	14	1.8	106	13.3
T. Fisher	26-18	101-252	40.1	23-71	32.4	59-75	78.7	47	65	112	4.3	284	10.9
B. Zarzedz	25-2	13-34	38.2	0-0	0.0	13-19	68.4	26	31	57	2.3	39	1.6
C.J. Palmer	25-2	24-68	35.3	1-14	7.1	8-16	50.0	15	28	43	1.7	57	2.3
J.J. Smithson	5-0	2-8	25.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	4	9	13	2.6	4	0.8
MOUNTIES	26-26	701-1671	42.0	153-452	33.8	415-566	73.3	352	614	966	37.2	1970	75.8

MU softball adds two new arms to the season

by Jason Bricker
asst. sports editor

The Mansfield women's softball season opens up on the 11 of March. With the start of the season approaching rapidly, there are some questions that need to be answered about the Mountaineers pitching staff.

Last year the Mounties pitching staff was one dimensional, with Melissa Tyson being that one dimension.

Tyson pitched 193 of MUs 250.1 innings. Tyson finished the year with a 7-25 record and an ERA of 4.86 in her freshman year.

There were only two other players who pitched in last years season. Tricia Matison, Who was Mansfields all-time leader in earned run average with a 1.50 ERA, only pitched in nine games last season before she left the team. Matison had a 3-6 record with a 4.45 ERA.

The only other player to pitch

for the Mounties was Tammy Johnston. Johnston pitched 2.1 innings and had an ERA of 21.00.

But that was last years pitching staff. This year the Mounties added two new arms to there staff, Melissa Stock and Beth Fausnaught.

Stock is a freshman out of Pottsgrove high school in Pottstown.

"She has good movement on her pitches and has a lot of pitches to choose from." Head coach Edith Gallagher said. Gallagher also said that

Stock pitched well this fall.

Fausnaught, the other addition to the staff, is a transfer from Penn St. Although Fausnaught did not play softball at Penn St., She did lead her high-school, Williamsport, to a state championship in her senior year of high school. Gallagher said that Fausnaught also pitched well in the fall.

Mansfield travels to Florida to play their first games of the season. MU opens there PSAC games at Lock Haven University on March 26th.

Mountaineer Outdoors-sports commentary

by Alan Houck
sports reporter

The warm temperatures that cruised in last week were swept away quickly by an invading cold front. This cold front might possibly be the sign that winter is not going to leave and regain its hold on the northern tier. So put back those shorts and tank tops and break out the winter parka and thermal underwear.

With the sudden warm temperatures it made the ice on surrounding lakes thinner and less stable. Ice fishermen have been taking good quan-

tities of sunfish, pickerel and bass on the local hotspots, but due to the melting this form of recreation may take a few days to resume back to its potential. Ice depths were near 12 to 18 inches in areas and required more maintenance in keeping them fishable.

Baits included minnows, maggots, meal worms and the old fashioned nightcrawler where available. If interested in ice fishing check out the local areas like Ives Run, Hills Creek and the mighty Cow. One method that is my personal favorite is watching an ice fisherman open a hole then fish for a while then wait for him to lose his patience. It

is at that moment that I swoop down on the hole like a red-tailed hawk on a meadow vole. It is this technique that will allow you to fish without physical exertion taking its toll of drilling the hole yourself. To the novice try your luck at it, and go on the weekends.

That sudden warm spell that cruised in made something ignite in our feathered friends that we usually see in the limelight during Thanksgiving. Yes, I am talking turkeys; and the gobblers especially. Many locals have heard the gobble frequently in the area in many hillsides and hollows. The turks are still in their flocks scratching for food as

only turkeys can do, but sitings show that more hens appear to be the dominating these flocks. Where are these gobblers? Who knows but give them some time and they will turn up in pastures and overgrown fields cruising for female companionship.

I will be partaking in the Old Crowfest sponsored by the Hunters and Gatherers and headquartered at the Treehouse. Teams are organized, and the parties will attempt to harvest the most amount of crows possible in a day. This event will be the first of its kind ever to take flight. So I am taking aim and setting my sights high.

Dutko, Mounties wrap-up basketball season

by Jason Bricker
asst. sports editor

The Mansfield University women's basketball team finished their 1995-96 season on February 24th against Millersville University.

Millersville defeated Mansfield once this season and didn't have

any problems beating MU for the second time this season with a 86-75 win over the Mounties.

Turnovers were the problems again with Mansfield, they turned over the ball a total of 28 times during the game.

Becky Dutko led the Mountaineers in scoring with 20 points, she also had a game high 15 rebounds. Michele

Jeffrey who usually leads in rebounding had 19 points.

Mansfield finished up the year with an overall record of 5-19 and finished with a record of 2-10 in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East with both of their wins coming against Cheyney.

Although MU's record was below five hundred, they still finished with one more win than they had last

season.

Next season, MU will have all of their starters returning. Depending on how the Mounties recruit, they have a solid chance of having a good season.

Dutko finished fourth in the PSAC east in scoring, with 16.9 points per game.

Jeffery finished first in the PSAC in rebounding averaging 11.1 rebounds per game.

Sowell named Rookie of the Week

special to the Flashlight

Former Wilkes-Barre Coughlin High School standout John Sowell has been named Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Rookie of the Week for his outstanding performance in games played the week ending 2/17/96.

Sowell, a 6-5 forward, averaged 18.5 points in the Mountaineers two games, including a game high 21 points in the Mountaineers 88-72 win over 19th nationally ranked Bloomsburg. In addition, he hit 11 of 21 attempts from the field (52.4%).

This marks the third time this season that Sowell has been honored as rookie of the week. He was named twice before in the PSAC.

On the season, Sowell is second on the team in scoring averaging 12.6 points per game and third best on the team in rebounding with 4.6.

A starter in all 24 games, Sowell ranks second on the team in blocks (17) and leads the team in shooting percentage (48.2).

In 10 conference games, Sowell leads the team in scoring, averaging 17.1 points per game.

MU Women's Basketball Statistics

PLAYER	G-GS	FG-A	%	3FG-A	%	FT-A	%	O	D	T	PTS.
S. Barr	19-18	68-195	34.4	36-103	34.0	14-17	82.4	15	41	56	186
L. Bricker	24-5	44-122	31.1	14-40	30.0	14-24	58.3	22	29	51	121
B. Dutko	24-24	157-322	48.8	0-0	0.0	91-137	66.4	66	101	167	405
C. Farabaugh	24-24	29-101	28.7	8-27	29.6	12-20	60.0	21	43	64	80
E. Fisher	24-17	69-195	33.8	3-22	13.6	36-49	73.5	33	56	89	177
C. Hill	24-0	23-71	28.2	11-27	29.6	19-24	79.2	5	25	30	82
M. Jeffery	24-24	95-223*	42.6	0-0	0.0	69-103	67.0	110	135	245	291
L. Martin	11-0	2-7	28.6	0-0	0.0	1-2	50.0	0	2	2	9
J. Masker	22-8	39-136	28.7	19-73	26.0	21-30	70.0	9	17	26	135
T. Moser	23-0	25-56	44.6	0-0	0.0	12-19	63.2	29	39	68	74
D. Owens	18-0	9-41	22.0	0-0	0.0	6-9	66.7	12	23	35	26
J. Williams	15-0	11-37	29.7	2-7	28.6	8-13	61.5	4	5	9	42

Meet The Team

by: Amber Lakits
sports editor

Name: Jill Masker

Year: Sophomore

Position: Guard

Hometown: Hackettstown, NJ

High School: Wayne HS

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Guys and Dolls opens to enthusiastic crowd

by Nancy P. Corbo
news editor
Matt Peterson
managing editor

"If a guy doesn't have a doll, who would yell at him? A doll's a necessity," said Nathan Detroit, one of the main characters in the Mansfield University production of *Guys and Dolls*. This quote embodies some of the themes of this popular American production.

The show is set in the 1940's, and revolves around the lives of gamblers in New York City. A crowd of almost 200 people showed up for opening night on Feb. 29. It was an impressive turnout for an opening night, said Michael Crum, the director of the production.

The musical centers around two particular gamblers: Nathan Detroit, played by Matthew Philip Rush, and Sky Masterson, played by Justin Gaiski. These men find themselves split between their gambling addictions and the women who want to marry them and settle down.

The curtain opened on an elaborate, nostalgic, eye-catching set which depicted life in New York City in the 40's. The group of enthusiastic actors burst onto the stage with an attention getting musical number. The actors looked like authentic people living the seedy city life.

The plot takes off when Detroit, a well renowned gambler, is scrambling for a place to hold a crap game, while keeping it a secret from Lt. Brannigan, played by Christopher Malone. Detroit believes he has found the perfect crap game location at the Bill Board garage, but first he has to raise \$1000 to pay off the owner.

During all of this, a group of missionaries try to reform the gamblers who infest the area near their mission. This group is led by Sarah Brown, who was played by Jessica Sullivan.

In order to get the money for the game, Detroit makes a bet with Masterson, a world traveling gambling addict who is on his way to Havana. Detroit bets Masterson that he can't get a certain "doll" to accompany him to Cuba. Masterson, who sees himself as a

charmer, accepts the bet but is dismayed when Detroit chooses the pious Brown as the "doll".

Masterson, who is not known to give up on a bet, attempts to woo Brown by infiltrating the mission as a sinner who wishes to repent. He then impresses Brown by quoting from the Bible. She is astounded by his knowledge and asks him where he learned, it to which he replies:

"There are two things that have been in every motel in America, Sky Masterson and Gideon's Bible."

The plot develops from there as Masterson tries to convince Brown to go to Cuba with him while Detroit tries to set up the big crap game. In addition to the pressure of finding a location for the game, Detroit has to deal with his fiance of 14 years, Miss Adalaide, who is played by Leanna Rachel Woodward. Adalaide, fed up with promises of wedlock, tries to pressure him into taking the big step into marriage.

The rest of the production is a parade of humorous performances, hummable songs and elaborate dances.

Overall, the production was a good time and everything seemed to click into place.

Rush gave a convincing performance as a gambler stuck in a world of money and love. His Brooklyn accent had a certain authenticity to it, and seemed to attract the audience to the character. His singing was just as appealing as his acting.

Woodward also had a unique style and was convincing in her role as Adalaide, a frustrated dancer and girlfriend. She carried off her character's accent and personality well, even in song. Her appearances at the Hot Box, the club where she performed, were sultry, provocative and humorous at the same time.

Gaiski and Sullivan, as Masterson and Brown, had a certain stage chemistry which became present after their unexpected first kiss, initiated by Gaiski after an impressive duet about love. After the scene, emotions flared as Gaiski made constant attempts to win Sullivan's love, who denies her true feelings for him simply because he is a gambler.

Another notable performance



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Adalaide, portrayed by Leanna Woodward, cuddles with Nathan Detroit, as played by Matthew Rush, in MU's version of "Guys and Dolls." The production will run this weekend in Straughn Theatre.

was that of John Mays as Detroit's henchman, Nicely-Nicely Johnson. His enthusiasm, good timing and robust appearance made him a favorite with the crowd.

Overall, the acting in this musical was impressive, especially since many of the actors were freshman performing in their first musical.

The actors also received a lot of help from their extravagant costumes and elaborate set. The flashiness and nostalgic attributes of the scenery and costumes helped bring the audience into the period of the play, as well as giving the actors something to play off of.

The orchestra, conducted by Dr. Youngsuk Kim, also performed superbly. The timing and volume of the music worked with the actors on stage. The music also combined well with the choreography in the dance numbers. One dance number in particular, called "Havana", really stood out and was very exotic and energetic.

Crum himself thought the musical got off to a very good start. He was pleased by the entire performance.

"I thought it went very well and the turnout was very good for opening night," Crum said. "It was a lot to coordinate and I feel the actors pulled it off very well."

Crum felt that the actors and crew did a good job with the production, especially seeing how difficult it was to put together.

"It is a very challenging musi-

cal to produce because of its number of scenes and large cast," Crum said. "I've been very proud of how far the cast has come with the production."

Overall, the crowd responded well to the musical and they greeted the actor's curtain call with a partial standing ovation.

One man, who drove from Binghamton with his wife to see the play, said he thought it was well worth the trip.

"It was really great," Paul Dekar said. "We really enjoyed it and you can't beat it for the cost."

Brent Stoltzfus, freshman, also responded positively to the play.

"The production was very good overall," Stoltzfus said.

The actors in the play felt generally that opening night went well and they fed off the audience's responses.

"It felt incredible and I was really able to hear the audience's reactions," Autumn Lantz, member of the supporting cast, said.

This popular musical represents a change from some of the more unknown musicals performed at MU in recent semesters, like last winter's *Assassins*, Crum said.

"People really attend productions which they are more familiar with," Crum said.

Guys and Dolls will be performed in Straughn Auditorium on Friday and Saturday, March 1-2, at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, March 3, at 2 p.m.



Photo by Sam Cleveland

Actors strike a pose as the hapless gamblers they portray in the current MU production.

Calendar

Friday, March 1

1-4pm Free pool at the Rec Desk in Memorial Hall
6-8pm Mysterious Eskimo on WNTE
10pm Zanzibar at The HUT

Saturday, March 2

10pm Zanzibar at The HUT

Sunday, March 3

8pm Zanzibar at The HUT

Monday, March 4

4pm Flashlight meeting in 217 Memorial Hall
9pm Student Government Meeting, Memorial Hall

Tuesday, March 5

1pm Ebony Discussion Hour in the MLK Center, Memorial Hall
8pm Movie night at the Hut

Wednesday, March 6

Mid-semester grades due
11-1pm Free popcorn at the Rec Desk

in Memorial Hall

6:30pm TV Club's Meeting, Allen Hall
9pm MAC Coffeehouse at The HUT

Thursday, March 7

1pm International Discussion Hour in the MLK Center, Memorial Hall
9pm Zanzibar at the Hut

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MU sophomore victim of a fatal car accident on route 15



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MU student Nicole Glover was tragically killed in an auto accident on her way home to Williamsport for spring break.

by Kate Griffith
Flashlight editor

Mansfield University students and faculty were stunned by the loss of an MU student who died in a car accident over spring break.

Nicole Marie Glover, 20, of Williamsport, Pa. was killed in a three car accident on an icy stretch of Route 15 south in Jackson Township on Friday, March 8.

Glover was flown to Geisinger Medical Center in Danville where she was pronounced dead by Scott Lynn, Montour County coroner.

According to State Trooper Patrick Trunzio, Glover's car struck the car of MU student Matthew Dorman, 23, which had slid out of control on the highway. A third car, driven by David Lee Anderson, 50, of Lynchburg, Va., then struck Glover's car and smashed into Dorman's car, Trunzio said.

Everyone involved in the accident was wearing a seat belt, including Glover, Trunzio

said.

According to the state police, Glover received injuries not only from the accident, but also by "flying articles within her car." The police identified the "flying articles" as computer equipment Glover was transporting in the back of her car, which struck her in the head during the collision.

Approximately 100 MU students and faculty members mourned Glover's death at a memorial service on March 19.

According to Campus Minister Deborah Casey, the turn-out at the memorial service was the largest she's ever seen. She speculated that the attendance was due to announcing it on the Campus Announcement Network.

"It is positive for all of us to see the support of our friends," said Brian VanFossen, campus minister. "We'll get through (Glover's death) as a community."

Casey reminded the mourner's that Glover's life was a celebration.

"We need to remind students to celebrate the person

and not just grieve the loss," Casey said.

Casey and VanFossen also encouraged Glover's friends to seek help at the counseling center in South Hall.

"This is one time when we can offer a spiritual moment in a time of grief," Casey said.

Philosophy Chairperson Dr. Stephen Bickham had Glover in his logic class this semester.

"Not everyone in the class had already known about (Glover's death)," Bickham said. "The empty seat suddenly becomes very large when the student who used to sit next to you passed away."

Glover is the second MU student this school year to be killed in an auto accident.

MU Freshman Adam Gurney was killed in a car accident on Oct. 5, 1995. Former student Wendy Phillips was also killed in an accident on Sept. 26, 1995.

Gurney was also a student of Bickham's.

"This is the first year in the 26 years I've been at MU that I've ever had two students die in auto accidents in one year," Bickham said.

Sports Information Director seriously injured in car accident

by Amber Lakits
sports editor

Mansfield University Sports Information Director Steve McCloskey was seriously injured Saturday March 9 in a two car collision in Florida.

According to Head Baseball Coach Harry Hillson, McCloskey was driving to Saturday's Mountie baseball game against SIU-Edwardsville when his car was struck broadside by a vehicle in the opposite lane.

McCloskey suffered a cracked rib, fractured his pelvis in two locations, sustained a concussion and broke his neck with a hairline fracture to the C-1 vertebra of the spine.

McCloskey and Hillson were in Florida for the annual Mountaineer baseball Florida trip to kick off the new season for the team.

Dennis Miller, public relations

director for Mansfield University, said that McCloskey was making a left hand turn through an intersection at 10 a.m. when his car was hit by a small pickup truck. It took the jaws of life to extricate him from his vehicle after the opposing vehicle struck McCloskey's car on the driver's side door.

Many staff and faculty members were shocked to hear the news.

"Steve is very important to this university," said Tom Akerman, MU's head basketball coach. "Since the day I got here seven years ago, Steve has been very close to the program. I greatly appreciate all he has done."

According to Miller, McCloskey flew back from Florida on March 19 to his home in Mansfield under doctors care.

"I would have a real hard time describing how important Steve is to this university," Miller said. "With Steve's efforts Mansfield has received national and sometimes even international pub-

licity."

McCloskey took over as Sports Information Director of MU in 1988 after graduating from Mansfield Miller said. While a student at the university, McCloskey was sports editor of the *Flashlight*.

Currently, with McCloskey out of the office there is no one to fully take over in his absence. Miller is depending on his student workers to step in and partially fill the void left by McCloskey.

"Steve is a major tool of the university," said John Atkins, sports information student worker. "I don't think any of us realize how much work he really does."

McCloskey is currently resting at home, under the care of an orthopedic doctor and neurologist who will keep McCloskey's neck immobile for three months until it fully heals because the neck injury he sustained during the accident is inoperable.

Despite the severity of his in-

juries, McCloskey's spirits remain high.

"I'm in a little pain," McCloskey said. "It could have been a lot worse, but I am looking forward to getting back to work in the office."

McCloskey hopes to make an appearance in the office sometime next week and hopes to work in a limited capacity by the middle of April.

"Steve is such a dedicated person and wants to come back," Miller said. "We plan on accommodating him in terms of his working ability however we can."

Given the nature of the accident, Miller said McCloskey is lucky to be alive.

McCloskey is very thankful for all of the letters, cards and phone calls he has received since the accident.

"I'm very appreciative of everyone and what they have done for me," McCloskey said. "I was extremely lucky."

MAC to bring musician/performer to MU in place of spring concert

Henry Rollins to give spoken word performance in Straughn Auditorium on April 12

by Matt Peterson
managing editor

Every semester, Mansfield Activities Council puts on a large scale music concert, but this semester students may be getting something they didn't expect - a famous musician without the music.

On April 12 at 8:00 p.m., musician Henry Rollins will be giving a spoken word performance in Straughn Auditorium. MAC, who is sponsoring the performance, is having the event in place of a big spring concert, said Cindy Albano, co-concert chair of MAC.

"It is something different," Albano said. "Something we think will work."

Rollins will be reading his writings and voicing his opinions and views on almost everything. The length of the performance can run anywhere from two to three hours, Albano said.

"It depends on the audience and how they react," Albano said.

Currently, Rollins' agent has confirmed the performance and MAC should be receiving the contract Friday, March 22, Albano said. Once the contract is received, it needs to be signed by Joseph Maresco, vice-president of student affairs, and Clarence Crisp, direc-

tor of student activities.

Chris Malone, public relations chair for MAC, believes that Rollins' fame as the lead singer of The Rollins Band and former singer of Black Flag, in addition to his acting career, will bring students in to hear him.

"I think Rollins is Rollins and he pulls no matter what," Malone said.

Malone also believes that the ticket prices will also draw people to the reading. Tickets, which go on sale March 27 in 209 Memorial Hall, are \$5 for students and \$8 for non-students.

While ticket prices are known,

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Photo provided
Henry Rollins of the Rollins Band will soon perform at MU.

Student Voices

by Sam Cleveland
and Amber Lakits

Q. "What did you do on your spring break?"



Lynn Frederick
Freshman

"I applied for a summer job and hung out with my new friends I met in New York."



Jill Kilmer
Sophomore

"I went home to Pittsburgh with a friend."



Jason Johnston
Sophomore

"I went home, worked during the day, and partied at West Chester University at night."



Jennifer Holt
Senior

"I went to Boston for internship interviews."

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the actual cost of the event has not been disclosed by MAC. However, Albano maintains that the cost of the performance is reasonable when compared to other MAC and Student Activities Office sponsored events.

"We can afford this," Albano said. "If we lose any money it will be minimal."

An element that might affect sales is the seating for the event, which is limited by the size of Straughn auditorium. The theater, which can seat 1100, was chosen as the site over the much larger Decker Gymnasium because of a request by Rollins' agent to hold the reading in a theater.

To ensure a good attendance at the event, Malone says MAC's public relations department will try to do more than the usual routine to promote the reading.

"We are going to try to do more than put posters and flyers around on campus," Malone said. "We are going

to do a lot of advertisement in local areas."

Student response to the performance choice is varied.

Eileen Murphy, a junior, feels the performance is a good idea and likes the idea of something different.

"I like Henry Rollins; he has a lot to say," Murphy said. "It is certainly a good change of pace."

Sophomore Angelene Dick seemed supportive of the choice and felt it was a good idea to have a big name speaker.

"I guess it is a good choice," Dick said. "He sounds interesting and he is a really big name."

On the other hand, one student said that he would rather hear the music of Henry Rollins than his personal writings and views.

"I think they should try to get the concert," Brian Souter, a sophomore, said. "I don't know anything about Henry Rollins' speaking."

Forensics a success at York Tournament

special to the Flashlight

The Mansfield University Forensic Team had a successful weekend at the annual York Invitational Forensic Tournament held at York College on March 15-16.

Chris Lantz, a freshman po-

litical science major from Sayre, won first place in Rhetorical Criticism.

Joe Reever, a junior journalism major from York, earned a second place award in Persuasive Speaking.

The next tournament for the forensic team is the National Forensic Association's National Speech Tournament in Macomb, Ill. on April 18-22.

Police Beat

03/15/96

12:00 Report of vandalism at the equipment shanty on hockey field. Latch torn off door, small window broken. Equipment to be inventoried by coach.

22:05 Assisted M.P.D. in domestic dispute. Weapon involved.

03/18/96

10:30 Vehicle towed from Pinecrest Drive to Eddie's Truck Stop. Vehicle was blocking work area.

13:30 Lost or stolen parking decal. Last seen on March 7, 1996.

03/19/96

06:28 Medical assist.

Transported by Mansfield Ambulance Association to S.S.M.H.

09:00 Report of theft. Violin stolen from locker in Butler Center.

15:58 Report of theft. Battery charger for cellular phone taken from Cedarcrest dorm room.

23:00 Broken dorm window. Accidentally broken by student.

Referred to residence life.

03/20/96

08:45 Medical assist. Subject passed out in Main Library. Ambulance dispatched.

11:30 Lost or stolen parking decal.

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General education requirements discussed at forum

by Nancy P. Corbo
news editor

Students and professors raised their opinions on Thursday afternoon during a forum about the importance of general education courses and whether or not they should be eliminated.

The speakers present at the forum were sophomore journalism major Gene Yager, junior journalism major Chris McGann, senior political science major Chris Bongartz, and politics and economics professor Dr. Albert Dalmolen. Chairman of the philosophy department Dr. Stephen Bickham moderated the discussion.

Yager and McGann, who were for revising the education requirements, debated against Bongartz, who wanted to keep them the way they were, and Dalmolen, who felt placing more emphasis on them was the right choice.

Yager began the debate by stating his position on the subject. He stated that once a person arrives at college, he/she is not able to take the classes they enjoy. Rather, they find that they must take certain classes which are required beyond their major related subjects.

"By making a student take certain courses to fill certain blocks, the university is insulting students' intelligence," Yager said. "Eliminating general education requirements would create a more open, more liberal learning environment which would benefit students who would be able to take courses of personal interest."

Yager also said that eliminating the general education courses would benefit professors who would no longer have students who don't wish to be in classes in which they have no interest.

Dalmolen said that general education requirements are very crucial to Mansfield students and that more emphasis should be placed on them.

"I support the general education requirements because I feel that it

is your last chance for a real education," Dalmolen said. "(General education courses) are about improvement. They are also to make meaningful choices about education options and civic life. You are disarming yourself in a competitive society if you ignore it."

McGann then explained his position about what should be done with the general education requirements.

"We should not get rid of them (requirements), rather we should find a way to make the courses count less than your major requirements," McGann said.

McGann is concerned by the fact that students are not allowed to specialize in what they want to in a certain education block. Rather, they are required to take all 100 to 200 level courses. McGann feels that students should be able to take what they want so that they learn more about a particular subject.

Bongartz spoke about the importance of the courses and how students at MU need the variety to fully prepare for the future. He said that a vast majority of students after graduation switch their jobs and careers. By keeping general education courses, Bongartz said that students will be more fully prepared for those different jobs.

"Requirements at a university level gives students their last chance to be well educated," Bongartz said.

The small audience was then able to raise questions and comments on both sides of the issue.

Philosophy professor Dr. Robert Timko, said that general education courses are a must and that they give the students a broader focus to learn in. He mentioned that one of the most important things for a student to do when trying to impress an employer, is to take additional courses in school that require a challenge. He mentioned that during his work in admissions at another school, he avoided looking at how a student performed in their major. Rather, he concentrated on the additional courses that

they took which required a challenge, such as physics and Latin.

Sophomore broadcasting major Josh Cusatis supports McGann's perspective in the debate.

"I don't feel that they (general education courses) are a bad thing, they just need to be revised in a big way," Cusatis said.

Cusatis said that the evaluation records need to be modified so that there are three areas. He feels that there should be a general education area, an open major where students are able to take what they want, and a section involving their major. He also feels that there should be separate Q.P.A.'s for all sections.

Sophomore nursing major Kim Felter feels that students need to take a variety of courses so they know a lot of

different things, no matter what field they are in.

"In the real world, you need to have a lot of background to do your job," Felter said.

Sophomore English education major Dave Marshall took a slightly different approach and said that if a student is required to take general education courses, the professors should deliver the material in a way that will make it easier for them to absorb the information and understand it.

"A well-rounded education is going to make your life more well-rounded," Marshall said. "I also believe that in order for students to pay attention and learn the information, teachers should have a passion and fire for what they're teaching."

Johnson says SGA attendance low

by James Moyer
staff reporter

At the Student Government Association meeting this week, discussion centered on the lack of SGA attendance, the voter registration drive and the proposed North Hall celebration slated for Fall 1996.

SGA has scheduled senator evaluations for next week's meeting, which will include the elimination of senators who have violated the attendance guidelines of the organization.

"We may have to clean house," SGA president Kenyatta Johnson said. "If you hold an office, you have a responsibility to (attend the meetings)."

A major concern involved with attendance is quorum, which is necessary for topics to be voted on during SGA meetings. Quorum is more than half of the organization in attendance.

"We have had a more successful semester this semester than last semester, as far as attendance," Johnson said.

The topic then shifted to the voter registration drive.

The planned drive is moving forward to set up a planned registration event with the Mansfield Activities Council's Livestock extravaganza on April 20. However, the registration event is still not on solid ground because there is a possibility that Livestock will be cancelled due to lack of funds, Bryan Murphy, MAC president said.

"No Livestock, because of no

money! There's always money for Livestock," SGA Vice President Erin Sember said.

Murphy stated that MAC may need money allocated by the Committee of Finance to support the Livestock festival.

"Because of not receiving more money from COF, Livestock may be cancelled," Murphy said. "The (festival) tradition needs money-money that we don't have."

Many members of SGA expressed a concern for MAC to continue this Livestock tradition. However, COF does not see the tradition as a good enough reason to allocate MAC more funds and the request was denied.

Another major topic on the minds of those in SGA this week was the North Hall celebration scheduled for September 1996. According to Johnson, the opening will include family tours and the possibility of a balloon launch and dance.

"It will be something similar to the 1890's weekend," Johnson said.

In legislative affairs, the petition contest sponsored by SGA is now under way and will continue until April 23. All campus organizations are encouraged to participate and to compete for the \$100 prize, which must be donated to a charity of their choice.

Before closing, SGA decided to send a card to express their condolences to the family of MU student Nicole Glover. Glover died in a car accident on March 8 while returning to her home in Williamsport for spring break.

Bi-Lo receipts will help Red Cross

by Gene Yager
wire editor

Making a contribution to the Tioga chapter of the American Red Cross may be easier than you may think thanks to an arrangement between Bi-Lo and Red Cross.

According to Dr. Robert Schuerman, professor of computer science at Mansfield University, one percent of every dollar you spend at Bi-Lo can be donated to the American Red Cross by simply turning your register receipts over to him.

"Save those receipts, and turn them in to me," Schuerman said.

Because the Red Cross gets almost all of its funding from donations, Schuerman hopes that the arrangement with Bi-Lo is a success.

"(The Red Cross) is not a government agency," Schuerman said. "Almost all of its money comes from what they can collect from charity."

Schuerman said that most of the money collected by the Red Cross will be used to help assist flood victims.

"The Red Cross does noble work, and is always hard pressed for funds," Schuerman said.

Schuerman recommends allowing receipts to accumulate rather than handing in one at a time. He suggests that students get involved and collect receipts on their dorm floors.

Students wishing to participate in the charity drive can mail their receipts to Schuerman in the computer science department or drop their receipts off at room 213-A in the Home Economics building.

Phone Survey class a success

by Tisia Baynes
staff reporter

A telephone survey research class has just completed gathering data for the eighth annual Public Mind survey.

The class was taught by psychology professor Dr. Richard Feil and Sociology professor Dr. Gale Largey in conjunction with the Rural Services Institute.

This year's survey focused on children. The questions included areas of education, taxes, laws, and restrictions involving kids of all ages, Feil said. The topics are chosen according to the hottest issues in our society today, and the results are released to the PA legislature and to governor Tom Ridge.

"This survey is important because it is well recognized in Harrisburg," Feil said.

"The public feels important knowing that their voices will be heard in the state capital." According to both professors, the success of the survey can be attributed to the faculty, administrators and most importantly, the students. They believe that this survey is the best way to practice democracy because of its involvement with the students.

"We are very proud and happy with the performance of our students," Feil said.

Students also got a lot out of the class.

"This class was fun for me," said one student in the survey class. "It taught me how to deal with rejection and frustration."

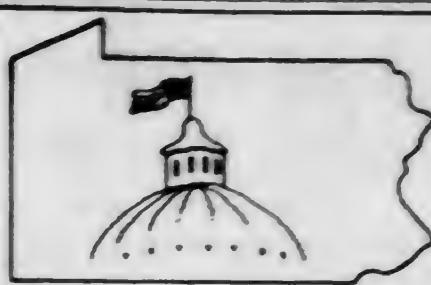
This survey course does more than just collect data, it aids in teaching and improving the students research and design capabilities, as well as practical skills, Feil said.

According to Feil, the public is cooperative, especially when people know students are calling for a class. He said that the 60 students in the class had five nights to complete a minimum of 35 interviews each. Some students got as many as 70 interviews. The class spoke to more than 2100 people.

"(The course) gives the students a sense of accomplishment when their names appear in the Public Mind," Feil said.

Once the class results are obtained and compiled, the students will make up charts and tables to be placed in the published product. Feil said the final product is to be released by June, but some results will be released as appropriate.

The names and numbers for this random survey were purchased from a commercial company which generates samples for professional pollsters.



Pennsylvania in the News

Pa. town deals with charges of police misconduct

COLUMBIA, Pa. (AP) — This town on the Susquehanna River has just 10,000 people, 13 police officers, three jail cells — and a growing anxiety.

Over the past five years, three men have died in police custody or while being pursued. Most recently, on Jan. 20, a young man who was arrested in a carjacking was found hanging in a jail cell.

Is it a coincidence? Or has the police force gone overboard in its campaign to rid Columbia of drugs?

Race, too, plays a part. Of the three dead men, one was black and another was of mixed race. Blacks in Columbia complain that they are harassed by the town's all-white police force.

"Young people in this town are afraid of the police officers," says community activist Shirley McBride. "I was taught you go to the police when you have a problem. If I was a parent, I wouldn't tell my kids that today."

"It causes any thinking person to stop and think," said Jack Spiese, a member of Columbia's Citizen Action Committee. "A lady asked me, 'Are you for or against the police?' I say I'm for law and order."

Columbia is not a sleepy, rural outpost. It has the feel of a city, with row homes and corner stores. It also has some of the vices of a city.

In 1994, police there reported 592 serious and violent crimes — rapes, assaults, robberies, burglaries, larcenies, vehicle thefts and arson fires. Nearby Elizabethtown has about the same population and had 296 such crimes. Ephrata, with 13,000 residents, had 387.

The problem, according to the locals, is drugs. And the police have set out to solve that problem — though some would say they have gone too far.

"It seems like everywhere we're hammering police departments," said Mayor Sylvester Devine. "People clamored to get action on the drug trade in town, and when the police take action and make arrests, they're brutalizing people. They've been painted with a bad brush."

Tell that to the families of Stephen Haas, Richard Starner and John Mutunga III.

In July 1991, Haas' wife went to pick him up from the Columbia jail after he was arrested for drunken driving. She found her 38-year-old husband hanging in his cell.

A year ago, Starner's body was found floating up in the river, five weeks after he disappeared while being chased by Columbia police.

There was no inquest in Haas' or Starner's deaths. Haas was white; Starner was of mixed race.

In January, Mutunga was arrested in connection with a carjacking. He was stripped to a T-shirt, socks and pants and placed in a cell.

Police maintain — and an inquest by an all-white jury agreed — that this black man somehow managed to retrieve his own black leather belt during interrogation, and hanged himself from the cell bars.

Mutunga was "a known drug dealer," acting police chief Sgt. Joseph Smith said in an interview at the time. According to Smith, Mutunga told police, "I'm not going back to jail."

The Mutunga family has already filed a federal civil rights lawsuit against the borough and also plans to file a civil suit. Mutunga's mother, Melody, is convinced the police are involved in her son's death.

"I know my son didn't kill himself," she said. "He would not do that to me. He wasn't an angel, but he wasn't too bad."

In the wake of Mutunga's death, two dozen Columbia residents staged a protest, and more than 1,100 people signed a petition asking that the Lancaster County district attorney investigate the case.

Main Street in Columbia is Locust Street, which holds not only the barber shop, the pharmacy and the tattoo parlor, but also the borough hall and police station in store front buildings.

John Hinkle, 59, runs Hinkle's Pharmacy, which has a diner and a cosmetics counter and seems to attract most of the traffic on Locust.

"This has always been a community that's very harmonious," said Hinkle, who offers up a cup of soup and a sandwich for \$2.89.

Ask him about Columbia's drug problems and he quickly defends law enforcement efforts to solve the problem with raids and undercover operations during the past years.

"We have a concern about the future of the community, because when a disease like that gets a foothold, it's hard to get it out," Hinkle said.

He said he knows the cops on the local force and is convinced they are even-handed with suspects of all races: "After being here all these years, I think I would be aware of it."

But Tony Smith, 27, tells a different story. He said that police routinely harass black men if they spot them standing on street corners.

"They stop you for no reason," said Smith, a black man who moved out to Columbia from Philadelphia in search of work. "You got a lot of good-ol' boys around here."

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"Adult time for adult crime" law goes into effect

HARRISBURG (AP) — The state is still searching for a site for a prison that will house teen-agers who commit serious crimes, but the state law that will put them there is now in effect.

"It's going to be hard time in an adult prison," said Sen. Mike Fisher, R-Allegheny, who sponsored the legislation.

Youths who are at least 15 years old now may be tried in adult criminal court for certain serious offenses. Previously, prosecutors were able to automatically try minors as adults only in murder cases, Fisher said.

Gov. Tom Ridge said the state plans to build a 500-bed juvenile offenders' prison that will offer education, drug- and alcohol-treatment programs, and vocational training. Officials are looking for a site somewhere in western Pennsylvania.

Until that \$52 million prison is completed sometime in the next two years, convicted juveniles will serve time in segregated units at adult prisons, a Ridge spokesman said.

Fisher expects some 900 to 1,500 juveniles will initially be referred to adult court. He said that number should fall to around 300 to 500 a year.

At least 26 other states have similar laws. Pennsylvania's law requires juvenile defendants to show why their cases should not be tried in adult court rather than making the state prove why they should.

Before this law, a district attorney had to petition the adult court to try defendants younger than 18 for serious crimes other than murder. A judge would decide to hear the case based on whether a juvenile would benefit from treatment in the juvenile system.

"It was almost impossible to get a non-homicide case in the adult system," Fisher said.

Under the new law, youths accused of serious crimes — attempted murder, rape, aggravated assault, kidnapping, robbery and auto theft — can be tried as adults. If any of these crimes involve the use of a deadly weapon or firearm, the case automatically will go to adult court.

A juvenile may appeal the adult court trial, but the judge must weigh whether

granting the appeal is in the public's interest — not the juvenile's.

If a judge decides to return a youth to juvenile court, the district attorney has the right to appeal. Fisher called this "a balancing test" that will allow judges to determine which cases should go to adult court.

"No more juvenile institutions, no more outpatient stuff or (being) put on probation," Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham told reporters. "Now we're talking about a series of actions which will dramatically increase the likelihood of severe punishment."

Abraham said prosecutors across the state asked the Legislature to pass such a law because judges, thinking most youths could be rehabilitated, were reluctant to order adult trials.

"This is in direct response to the extraordinary rise in violent juvenile behavior committed by people who are so young they don't even shave but have not a conscience," Abraham said.

Ridge appeared on "Good Morning America" on Monday to discuss the new law. Mingo Stroebel, juvenile unit chief for the Philadelphia Public Defenders Office, appeared on the same show to criticize it.

"We don't need to respond in this fashion, where we are taking an elephant gun to kill the fly," Stroebel said.

Stroebel argued on television that the state's juvenile justice system works at weeding out violent youthful offenders through the process of hearings, but never has been fully funded.

In an interview later, Stroebel suggested adult prison would not rehabilitate juvenile inmates. Corrections Commissioner Martin Horn has said prisons do little to reform criminals.

"People in the adult system don't know how to deal with kids," Stroebel said. "Why not give juvenile justice full funding to do the job? We do it better."

Among the law enforcement officials who joined Fisher at Monday's briefing was Dauphin County District Attorney John Cherry, who is prosecuting a 14-year-old boy accused of shooting a Harrisburg grocer in February.

Women charge Dairy Queen owners with sexual harassment

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Two women have been allowed to sue the owners of a Dairy Queen restaurant in Butler County to pursue allegations they were sexually harassed.

But one woman's behavior at a party may hurt her case.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission recently sent right-to-sue letters to Rachell Fleeger and Beth Altman. Fleeger and Altman filed sexual harassment suits last week in U.S. District Court against the Summit Township Dairy Queen and its parent company, American Dairy Queen Corp. Also named were franchise owner Michael Steffen and his son, Lawrence, who worked at the store.

The women claim they quit because of harassment.

The EEOC closed its investigation in December, finding that Fleeger and Altman were subjected to sexual remarks and sexually suggestive physical contact with male employees.

But the agency also found that the claims were undermined by the women's participation in sexually explicit pranks and conversation.

An after-hours party at which Fleeger stripped a male co-worker was one example cited by the EEOC. It also said witnesses testified that Altman "participated in behavior of a sexual nature" on the job, wanted to show the videotape at work and commented on the man's sex organ.

Eugene Nelson, director of the Pittsburgh EEOC office, said a right-to-sue letter does not indicate that a claim is legitimate.

"A person has a right to pursue their case in court; the court is the final arbiter," Nelson said. "Our determination is an administrative one only."

Fleeger said she started working for the Dairy Queen in August 1992, and left in June 1994 because of the alleged harassment.



Campus Bulletin Board



MAC MEETING

The Mansfield Activities Council meets every Tues. night at 9 pm in Lower Memorial. All students are invited to attend.

Zeta Phi Beta is hosting its first **MALE AUCTION** for any interested men who would like to participate. When: 3/22/96. Where: Zanzibar. Time: 7:00 pm. Please contact Maketa Collins at 5124 if you are interested.

'No other foundation can no man lay than is laid...Jesus Christ.' 1 Cor 3:11.
The Fellowship Thurs., 8 pm, Maple Conference Room. Everyone is welcome! Contact Joel: 662-2425.

WOMEN'S ARTS AND CULTURE WEEK 3/31 - 4/4: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CULTURE NIGHT.

Take part in a panel discussion on international cultures followed by a potluck of international food on April 3 at 7 pm in 204 Memorial Hall. Women interested in talking about their cultures (including American cultures) and bringing a representative dish to pass should call Andrea Harris at 4591 or Lynn Pifer at 4384.

Native American Students Association: (NASA)

Recognized on campus since 1992, we hold meetings every Thurs. in the Native American Students Lounge in Pinecrest, RM 101. Any interested students are welcomed to attend.

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Mansfield Activities Council presents, "Return to the Source" with music from the souls of Black Folks, Thurs. March 28 at 7 pm in Steadman Theatre. Admission: FREE.

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US Foreign policy questioned

Once again, the United States military is policing the globe. Our nation needs to decide whether or not we should be involved with the situation in Taiwan.

Taiwan, which China claims is a rebel province and not an independent country, is set to have its first free elections. China, a communist society, has decided to conduct military maneuvers off the coast of Taiwan. The United States has sent aircraft carriers into the area to protect Taiwan. One only needs to remember the Tiananmen Square incident in 1989 and the history of Chinese human rights abuses to realize why the spread of Chinese communism must be curtailed.

The U.S. needs to re-evaluate its role in this incident. Is Clinton getting us into a war that we cannot win, or are we going to turn tail and run? Let's face it, even with the skill of the U.S. military, it would be difficult or even impossible for us to win a conventional war against China. Presumably we are trying to avoid a nuclear war. In the fifties, when Eisenhower was president, it took the threat of a nuclear attack on China to make them back down from a similar situation. They might not back down this time.

The United States no longer has a monopoly on nuclear weapons. The threat of nuclear attack, an option the U.S. is unlikely to pursue, no longer carries the same weight that it once did. China has one-fifth of the world's population. China has nuclear weapons and a greater population than the U.S., giving them a distinct advantage in any conflict. During the Korean conflict, China overwhelmed U.S. and Korean forces with the sheer size of their army.

The U.S. Army and their allies defeated Iraq in 1991, but this is a totally different situation. Someone once said that there are only two rules in warfare: never invade Russia and never invade China. Many countries have tried to invade these two giants and have failed due to their size. Consider that China currently has more adults than the entire population of the U.S. The only way to make this situation go away would be to bring China to its knees. This is not going to happen, at least not without an incredible loss of life. Most American males who are registered with Selective Service would rather this not happen.

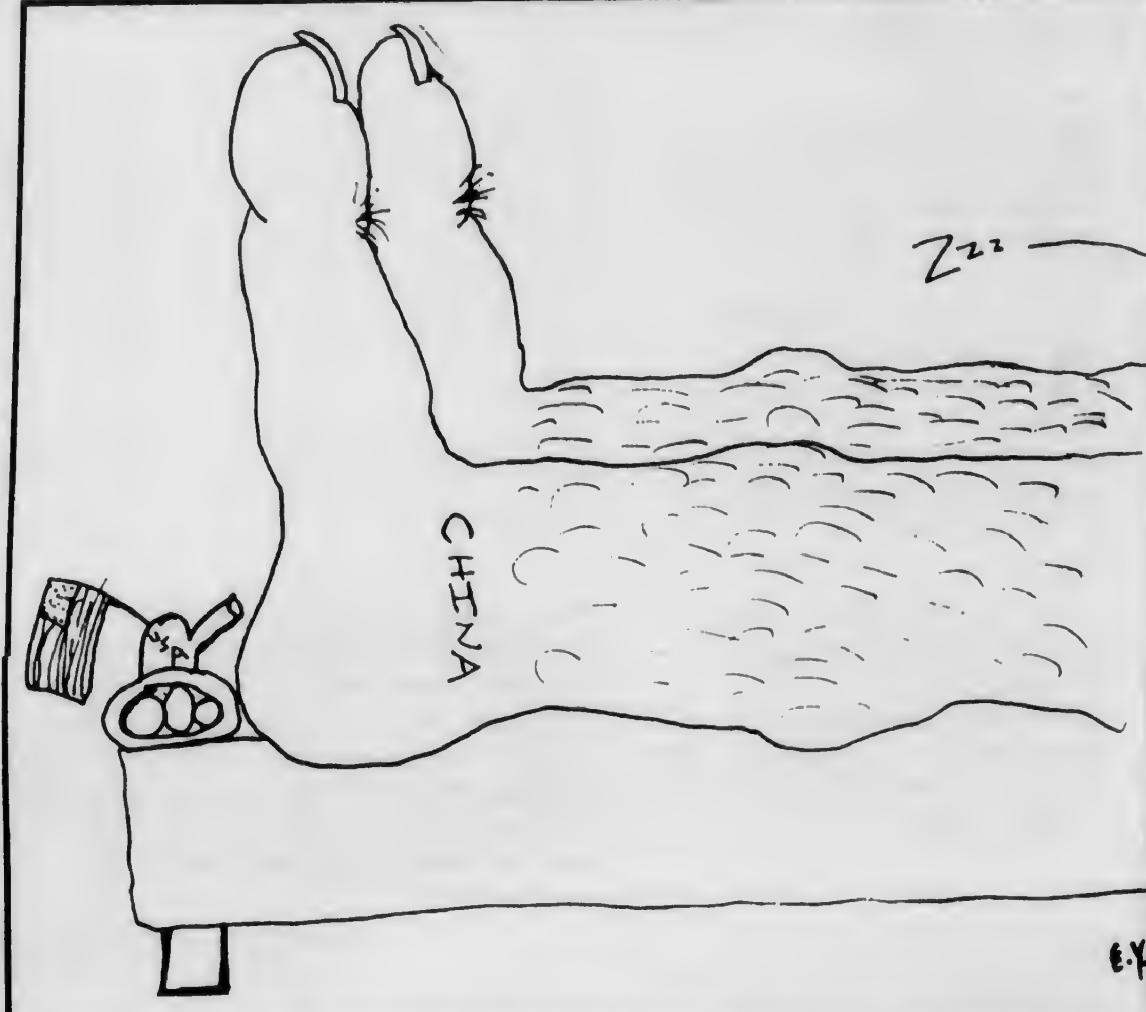
Taiwan currently has a booming economy. If Taiwan were to be invaded by China, the economy would be virtually demolished. The island that China wants so badly would be reduced to rubble by war. An obscene amount of money would be required to rebuild Taiwan, not unlike the rebuilding process that Europe had to go through after the second World War. So it is possible that China will avoid the conflict, but that is not certain yet.

War, no matter what politicians want you to think, is not an easy thing. If the situation in Taiwan escalates to the point of war, thousands of American lives will be lost. Young men and women will die for an island most of them could not even locate on a map. Even though China needs to be stopped,

A much more beneficial way to let China know that we disapprove of their actions in Taiwan would be to impose a complete embargo upon Chinese exports. If the U.S. and her allies would impose these measures on China, it would effectively cripple their economy. Sanctions enabled us to win the Gulf Conflict, and can be a viable alternative to war.

Commentary policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary you may turn it in to the Flashlight office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writer's name, major, class and phone number. Non-students are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week, we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.



Student questions Flashlight's intentions

To the editor:

After reading several issues of the Flashlight this semester, there has been something that just isn't sitting right with me and several others on this campus. Instead of jumping to conclusions, I am going to present what I have seen, and allow you to respond.

At the beginning of the semester, your paper "broke" the story of Maurice Jordan and Cornell Smith, who had been arrested on drug charges. The story was printed and their pictures were on the front page. Several weeks later there was a story about Clarence Crisp's (Activities Director) trial after he allegedly assaulted

Tom Johnston. Once again, the story was printed and his picture was on the front page. This brings me to my problem: if the situation involved both Mr. Crisp and Mr. Johnston, why weren't both pictures printed with the article? Also, in this same March 1st issue, there was an article about the numerous drug raids that had taken place in the area during February. There were over ten arrests made, and not one of their photos were printed with the article. Oh yeah, the ten people who were arrested and who did not have their pictures printed, just happened to be white. While Mr. Jordan, Mr. Smith and Mr. Crisp just happened to be black. You don't have to be

a rocket scientist to see what this looks like.

Sincerely,
Kenyatta Donely

Editor's note: The March 1 drug investigation story contained 16 individuals who had been arrested on drug related charges, not ten. The Flashlight has no intentions of making distinctions between people of different ethnicity. We, as a newspaper, will only run pictures which are available when the paper is produced. Additionally, we can only run a practical amount of pictures to accompany one story.

This space is reserved for you! Every week the Flashlight publishes letters from our readers. If you have any concerns or would like to voice your opinion on any subject related to life at Mansfield University, send us a letter to the editor.

Letters to the editor policy

The Flashlight is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry a signature or signatures of the writer(s). Unsigned letters tell us the writer is not willing to take responsibility for what he or she has written. So, why should we?

In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The Flashlight reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the Flashlight office, 217-Memorial Hall, Monday through Friday, or mailed to the above address.

Commentary

Exploring the phenomenon of brain sludge



Dave Barry

Today, as part of our series, "The Human Brain, So To Speak," we explore the phenomenon of Brain Sludge.

"Brain Sludge" is a term coined by leading scientists to describe the vast collection of moronic things that your brain chooses to remember instead of useful information.

For example: Take any group of 100 average Americans, and sing to them, "Come and listen to my story 'bout a man named Jed." At least 97 of them, will immediately sing, "A poor mountaineer, barely kept his family fed." They will sing this even if they are attending a funeral. They can't help it.

This particular was of sludge — known to scientists as "The Beverly Hillbillies Theme Song Wad" — is so firmly lodged in the standard American brain lobe that it has become part of our national DNA, along with the "Gilligan's Island" wad. If a newborn American infant were abandoned in the wilderness and raised by wolves with-

out any human contact or language, there would nevertheless come a day when he or she would blurt out, without having any idea what it meant: "A THREE-hour tour!" And the wolves would sing along. That's how perversion brain sludge is.

What is the root of this problem? Like most human defects, such as thigh fat, the original cause is your parents. Soon after you were born, your parents noticed that you were, functionally, an idiot, as evidenced by the fact that you spent most of your waking hours trying to eat your own feet. So they decided to put something into your brain, but instead of information you'd actually NEED later — for example, the PIN number to your ATM card — they sang drivel to you, the same drivel that parents have been dumping into their children's brains since the Middle Ages, such as "Pop Goes The Weasel," "Itsy Bitsy Spider" and "Jeremiah Was A Bullfrog." Your parents thought they were stimulating your mind, but in fact they were starting the sludge-buildup process, not realizing that every cretinous word they put into your brain would stay there FOREVER, so that decades later you'd find yourself waking up in the middle of the night wondering: "Why? WHY did she cut off their tails with a carving knife?"

But your parents aren't the real problem. The REAL problem, the nuclear generator of brain sludge, is television. Here's a little test for those readers out there who are approximately 48 years old. How many of you know what the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution says? Let's see those hands ... one

... two ... Oh, I count nine people. Now, how many of you remember the theme song to the 1950s TV show "Robin Hood"? Thousands of you! Me, too! Everybody join in:

"Robin Hood, Robin Hood riding through the glen!"

Robin Hood, Robin Hood, with his band of men!

Feared by the bad! Loved by the good! Robin Hood! Robin Hood! Robin Hood!

My brain also contains theme songs to early TV shows about Daniel Boone (Daniel Boone was man, yes a BIG man!); Zorro (The fox so cunning and free! He makes the sign of the Z!); and Bat Masterson ('He wore a cane and derby hat! They called him Bat!')

I am not proud of this, but I can name only five Supreme Court justices (one of whom sticks out in my mind solely because of the term 'pubic hair'); whereas I can name six Musketeers.

Of course, the densest layer of sludge consists of commercial jingles for products that no longer exist. Your brain assigns the highest priority to these. That's why, although I honestly cannot name the current secretary of defense, I can sing:

Pamper, Pamper, new shampoo!
Gentle as a lamb, so right for you!
Gentle as a lamb? Yes, ma'am!
Pamper, Pamper, new shampoo!"

My brain also loves to remind me that my beer is Rheingold, the dry beer; think of Rheingold whenever you buy beer! Brush-a, brush-a, brush-a! New Ipana toothpaste! With the brand-new flavor! It's a dandy for your teeth!

Here's how pathetic my brain

is: If I forgets some worthless piece of brain sludge, it drops everything else and become obsessed with RECALLING it. For example, right now my brain is devoting all available resources to remembering the name of the candy featured in the following jingle:

(NAME OF CANDY) goes a long, long way!

If you have one head, it lasts all day!"

This is currently my brain's Manhattan Project; it will think of nothing else. A lot of people have this problem, and society pays a price for it:

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you're descending way too ...

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TOWER: No, it was (singing) "a little dab'll do ya." CO-PILOT: Hah! Told you so!

PILOT: Tower, are you sure?

TOWER: Definitely, dab." Now, about your descent rate ... Hello? Flight 8376? HELLO?

Yes, brain sludge is a leading cause of needless tragedy, which is why I'm asking you to join in the fight against it. How? Simple: Write a letter to senators and congresspersons DEMANDING that they appropriate \$500 million for a study to find out what kind of candy lasts all day if you have one head. And if there is any money left over, we should hire professional assassins to track down whoever wrote:

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Unmentionables

MU's secret financial plan: cut corners, not costs

by Ian Kaiser
staff ramification

The following is an excerpt of a rather lengthy memo that was found in an anonymous waste receptacle in Alumni Hall. Vital facts have been altered slightly to protect the guilty.

We here at Mansfield University continue to care for the student's needs. Due to inflation, budget restrictions, economic difficulties and the price of eggs in China have been forced to tighten our belts and implement some rather drastic money saving measures. While these may seem to be an inconvenience to you, we know that they are really for your own good. By cutting corners today we can afford to spend more money on things we think are important.

By saving money in lots of little ways we hope to come fairly close to balancing our budget, which could keep us from raising your tuition in the future. We will probably raise the tuition anyway, in all reality, because this will mean more money for the university. And more money for the university means bigger administration salaries.... I mean more improvements to the facilities.

You may have noticed the problems we have been having with the E-mail on campus. Unfortunately it will not be getting any better. You are experiencing the results of one of our budget balancing, money saving reductions. We

recently decided to run the Wheat system on old IBM 286 computers. Instead of having to pay thousands of dollars for new computers, we got these from another university that was upgrading. They actually paid us to take these computers off their hands!

While E-mail is nearly as important to us as it is to you, we decided that the benefits (namely more money) greatly outweighed the inconveniences of a rotten E-mail system. We also saved a great deal of money by naming the system after a grain. Cool names are expensive. This way we are not only saving, but we are also receiving kickbacks from the Wheat Producers of America. What a deal!

Dorm occupancy is one of our main sources of income here at Mansfield. Students are required to live in dorms for as long as humanly possible, which provides us with a large source of funds. It also provides us with an arena for many money saving measures. For instance, by making all the foreign students move out of their rooms during school breaks, we save lots of money. Tons of money! Since we change the locks during break, we'd have to give these students new keys to get into their dorms. Making about 30 keys, at \$1.99 per key, is a cost we need to avoid. This money could be put to much better use, so we make them move. We feel that the minor inconvenience to these students is regrettable, but in the interest of saving money, we are willing to let them

suffer.

These are some of the major money saving measures in effect. We also have a number of small cuts in progress. For instance, we save by giving away the cheapest pens money can buy at the book store during the big book buy at the beginning of the semester. We are also in the process of dismantling the tunnel in front of Memorial Hall and plan on using the wood to put the finishing touches on North Hall. Plans are also being made to cut down on the enormous cost of supplying paper to the campus. By eliminating paper ER's, buying more green lined paper, and charging faculty, staff, and students for all the printing they do on campus printers, we can free up more funds for the really important things.

And the money we are saving will pay for lots of improvements around campus. Well, actually most of it will be used to pay the huge bills run up by the spotlights shining on the front of North Hall. You may not think that having North Hall illuminated in this way is providing any benefits to our campus, but we think it will serve as a beacon, enabling students to find their way home after parties. Hopefully it will also keep them from running into the building. With the remaining \$2.65 we plan to buy Dr. George Mullen a retirement card, which will circulate around the campus for all staff, faculty, and students to sign.

We know that the spending cuts may be annoying, but they really do help

**Things Best
Left Unsaid**

*"If I did
have a
daughter,
she would
not be
French."*

all of us. As you can see, the money we save is returned directly to the university and to all of you. We will continue to search diligently for corners to cut, dollars to save, and ways to reinvest in our university.

Let's honor our wooden friend Even though we stepped on you, we'll miss you

By Josh Cusatis
The citizen database

Upon returning to campus this past Sunday from Spring Break, I found that a long time friend was gone, or, more accurately, was in the process of leaving. A buddy and I were walking downtown when we ventured through campus. I was shocked to find that the North Hall workers were hard at work tearing down the famed Memorial Tunnel that was constructed over a year ago with the sole purpose of protecting both Memorial Hall and the students from noise and debris from the North Hall renovations.

What these workers don't realize is that, in the past year or so, the Tunnel became our friend, a friend that will be sorely missed. It was more than a construct of rusty metal pipe and rotting plywood. It did so much for us that I can't even begin to fathom how to thank it. I guess I can't now that it's gone.

When the tunnel was up, the students had a place to go and have a cigarette without the complications of rain, wind or sunlight. We had someplace to go and be as loud and offensive as we could possibly be with only minimal repercussions. We had a place to design

graffiti (and if anyone is an avid reader of this column, which I doubt, then they will understand why I'm so pissed off that I never got to create my naked mural of Sid Vicious and Nancy Spungen). We had a place to put our shameless propaganda and posters without having to worry about the elements damaging them. In lieu of all this, one must realize that the Tunnel was just plain cool (you can start picturing really sad music and slow motion photography of the Tunnel's most memorable moments).

We became so accustomed to the Tunnel being an everyday part of our lives that without it life seems incomplete. It's like a day without nicotine and caffeine or Canada without Toronto. It's like a quote without a phallic meaning. It's like dip without a chip. It's a black fly in your Chardonnay. It's like an ass without a butt.

So the next time I'm standing outside, in front of Memorial, and my eyes are burning from the sun I'll probably get all misty-eyed remembering the Tunnel and all it did for us. We'll miss you, Tunnel. We hope you'll bring someone else happiness and joy and have a great time doing it. Happiness for us is going to have to be a warm gun.



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The Flashlight

Diamond boys gear up for home opener

by Darren A. Meehan
sports reporter

One week ago, the Mountie baseball team was cold but the climate they were playing in was hot. Tomorrow, the Diamond Boys, who are hot from a promising 3-1 finish in their last four games in Florida (6-6 overall), will debut in the cold air of Smythe Park.

The Mounties spent the week of March 7-17 in sunny Fort Meyers before heading home for their games this weekend. Head Baseball Coach Harry Hillson was surprised by his player's performances; but he wasn't disappointed.

"In Florida, I was really surprised with everybody. The pitching was better than I thought it would be."

Tim Watkins, a lefty sophomore who joined the starting rotation this season, pitched a one hitter and a two

hitter in Florida. Aside from Watkins, Chris Zallie and Steve Nussbaum stood tall on the mound.

When the players weren't striking out the likes of IUP, North Dakota and Marian, they were swinging with confidence and dispelling any of Hillson's unspoken fears.

"Scott Wilcox had a tremendous showing. He had four home runs and is now batting with a .455 average. We're happy with the way things turned out," Hillson adds. "Because these teams all had games under their belt they had an advantage."

Hillson also added that the trip prepared the team for league competition and the team is excited to get the season going.

Aside from the potentially tragic accident involving Steve McCloskey, Sports Information Director, the team returned to Mansfield injury-free.

The entire team has a close relationship with McCloskey but were able to perform as well as they did once they received word on his condition.

"We all thought about him," Hillson said from his office this week. "But when we knew he was going to be alright we played ball. That's what we were there for."

The team is now home and will be ready to play the University at Albany Saturday, March 23 at 1 pm—weather permitting. The games will be held at Smythe Park because conditions at Shaute Field are unsuitable due to the rain and snow of the past week.

This weekend will be the first time the Mounties face Albany and Hillson feels fortunate to have them for a three game set. Albany is currently a Division Two team but will be going Division One.

The team is ready, the field should be ready and Albany should be



MU pitcher Dan Ebersole is geared and ready to take aim at the 1996 Mountie baseball season.

worried. Even though they are going D-1, they will first have to pass through Mansfield, who had an overall home record of 14-2 last season.

Growing up in the NBA-sports commentary

by Jason Bricker
asst. sports editor

Last Thursday the NCAA kicked off the men's college basketball tournament. March madness, as it is sometimes referred to, is a time when the country's top 64 collegiate teams square off and do battle to see which one of them is the best team in the land.

These athletes compete not for money, but for pride. Sure you have your occasional recruiting scandal, but all in all the players on these teams are legit.

Eventually some of these players will get the chance to become professionals and play in the NBA. Some will sign huge contracts worth millions of dollars, get the chance to be on high-

light films on ESPN's sports center, and a few will even be considered role models.

Somewhere between college and playing in the NBA a strange transformation occurs in many of these individuals. They change from being mature adults and regress into two year old crybabys. No one knows what causes this strange mutation. Maybe it's the million dollar paychecks that inflate their wallets as well as their egos or perhaps it's the multitude of adoring fans that give them the idea that they can do anything they want. (and get away with it.)

The latest childish tirade by an NBA player belongs to the Chicago Bull's forward Dennis Rodman. What a surprise! Rodman, after being ejected from a

game, saw fit to head-butt NBA official Ted Bernhardt as away of voicing his displeasure of being ejected.

"If I head-butted him I head-butted him, suspend me.", Rodman said.

Well the NBA did suspend him. Rodman will sit out six games and lose 20,000 dollars, small potatoes when you consider that Rodman's salary is 2.5 million dollars a year.

Some people thought the suspension was a little harsh for poor Dennis. But if you compare the suspension given to Villanova Wildcats senior Kerry Kittles it seems mild. Kittles was suspended for three games for using a calling card given to him by the university. Using a phone card or head-butting an official, hm, I wonder which violation is more severe?

I think you got an easy Dennis.

Last year Philadelphia Seventy sixer's guard Vernon Maxwell, who was playing for the Houston Rockets at the time, decided to go into the crowd and hit a fan. I guess Maxwell doesn't like being called names. Maxwell was suspended ten games for the incident.

A month or so ago Isaiah Ryder of the Minnesota Timberwolves refused to leave the floor after being ejected from the game. Finally Ryder's mother, who was present at the game, left her seat, stepped on the floor and told her son to get his but off the court. Ryder listed to his mother, he was sent to bed without his dinner and grounded for a month.

These are just a few instances of childish behavior from adults that have taken place in the NBA. If you want to see others just watch ESPN's Sports center highlights of the NBA. Your guaranteed to see at least one immature act

This week's sporting news in pro golf

AP: This Week's Major Golf Events= At A Glance= U.S. PGA TOUR= Freeport-McDermott Classic= Site:@ New Orleans.

Dates:@ Thursday, March 21-Sunday, March 24.

Course:@ English Turn Golf and Country Club (7,116 yards - 6,404 meters, par 72).

Purse:@ dls 1.2 million.

Winner's Share:@ dls 216,000.

Last year:@ Davis Love III qualified for the American Masters, beating Mike Heinen with a birdie on the second extra hole. Love, second the following week at Augusta, closed with a 1-under 71 to tie Heinen at 14-under 274.

Last week:@ Paul Goydos won the

Bay Hill Invitational at Orlando, Florida, for his first U.S. PGA Tour title, finishing with a 5-under 67 for a one-stroke victory over Jeff Maggert. Goydos had a 13-under 275 total.

Notes:@ Phil Mickelson leads the money list with dls 611,570, followed by Greg Norman (dls 362,850) and Mark Brooks (dls 337,905). missed

Mansfield University Men's Basketball Statistics

Rebounds

PLAYER	G-GS	FG-A	%	3FG-A	%	FT-A	%	O	D	T	AVG.	PTS.	AVG.
B. Jones	26-7	95-283	33.6	54-173	31.2	36-50	72.0	15	51	66	2.5	280	10.8
R. Shaw	26-25	110-249	44.2	1-3	33.3	73-103	70.9	69	132	201	7.7	294	11.3
L. Judson	26-22	133-298	44.6	61-145	42.1	93-118	78.8	24	71	95	3.7	420	16.2
S. Shannon	26-21	71-145	49.0	0-3	0.0	23-30	76.7	49	92	141	5.4	165	6.3
J. Sowell	26-26	112-236	47.5	1-6	16.7	96-134	71.6	49	66	115	4.4	321	12.3
C. Smith	8-7	40-98	40.8	12-37	32.4	14-21	66.7	5	9	14	1.8	106	13.3
T. Fisher	26-18	101-252	40.1	23-71	32.4	59-75	78.7	47	65	112	4.3	284	10.9
B. Zarzedz	25-2	13-34	38.2	0-0	0.0	13-19	68.4	26	31	57	2.3	39	1.6
C.J. Palmer	25-2	24-68	35.3	1-14	7.1	8-16	50.0	15	28	43	1.7	57	2.3
J.J. Smithson	5-0	2-8	25.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	4	9	13	2.6	4	0.8

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Flashlight
Athlete of the Week

Duke Neatrou



Duke Neatrou has been named Flashlight Athlete of the Week. Last season Duke batted .389 with 52 RBI's and continued those impressive numbers with a strong performance in the Mounties 5-5 road trip to Florida.

Mountie football players scouted for NFL

by Darren A. Meehan
sports reporter

Some Mansfield University football players are under careful scrutiny by two agencies this season.

As is the case every year, the seniors on next years squad will be evaluated by one of two agencies for consideration in the National Football League. A scouting agency hired by the league collected the names of all seniors for consideration in the draft. The first phase of this process is complete but news of Dave Mitchell, 1995 co-captain and All-American, has everyone buzz-

ing about other players moving to the big league.

Mitchell has signed to tryout for the Hamilton Tigercats of the Canadian Football League; an area Head Football Coach Joe Viadella is very familiar.

"I knew Mitchell had ability for the CFL because I coached there. I think he has a pretty good chance."

Viadella was assistant coach of the Edmonton Eskimos before coming to Mansfield.

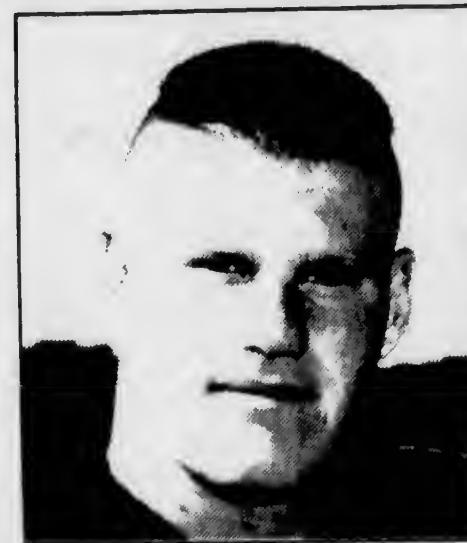
The players will not be scouted by individual teams, yet because the agencies only submit the names of all seniors. They do not, at this early phase, consider many of the characteristics of

an NFL caliper player.

The players will be evaluated in the second phase based on their height, weight, speed, agility and movement. The players whose names have been passed along are: Nate Gibson, Jim Nicholson, Joel Kargbo, Joe Povenski and Mike Sedun.

In the final phase, the game situation, the players will be evaluated on how effectively they use these characteristics during a game in the regular season.

Viadella adds that if the players work on physical attributes by lifting weights and exercising they stand as much of a chance as anyone.



Former Mountie linebacker Dave Mitchell may be on the road to a pro-football career.

Mountaineer Outdoors-sports commentary

by Alan Houck
sports reporter

Since the break I have been a busy beaver throughout the Northern Tier. In actuality I have been trapping beaver that have taken up residence in our local streams and rivers. The regular season has long been over in February, but the PGC has granted an extended season to trap these engineering creatures.

So far I have put the clamp on three animals one being a true monster

weighing in at 54 pounds and wearing a truly beautiful pelt. In comparison to the animals caught back in last December the guard hairs are longer and much richer in color. The areas that I have trapped so far have resulted in a great learning experiences as well as incomparable scenery.

For instance, on Thursday morning I ventured into a hollow that contained four ponds; two being active with beaver. The spot was told to me by some friends of the Hunters and Gatherers. They walked with me to see the techniques that I have used to create success-

ful journeys. The snow that we received had collected on the branches forming a winter wonderland as we sleeked through the underbrush of an abandoned logging road.

Along that road were decorated hemlocks with their bows lowered by the weight of the snow, and as I bumped them the snow released and catapulted into the air and down below the collar of my gray shammie. The sudden melting of the snow on my skin made me cringe while letting out a big sigh of crystallized warm air into a frigid atmosphere. Needless to say I har-

vested another tree eater and was tickled with the reward of my efforts.

On my way out I observed two turkeys feeding in an opening and glassed them, both being hens but one sporting a beard of six to eight inches. That was my first observation of a Pennsylvania bearded hen. To top it all off we made it back in time for our 9:30 class.

Next upcoming event is the Old Crowfest on Sunday. This event is a crow hunting contest that will challenge all contestants with their skills and talents acquired through all of their years in the field. Good Luck to all.

MU softball team opens their season with a 3-8 record

by Jackie Williams
sports reporter

While many of us made the trek home through the arctic-like conditions and others took the "fun in the sun" approach to Spring Break '96, the Mansfield University softball team was boarding a bus headed for sunny Pensacola, Florida.

But they weren't going to be catching rays at the beach.

Mansfield opened up their season with a series of 11 games in the University of Western Florida's Spring Fling tournament. They battled against various opponents during the week and came out of the war with three wins and eight losses.

Mansfield started off the trip slowly, losing four straight in double-headers against William Woods and St. Francis of Illinois.

"It was really rough the first few games," said Edith Gallagher, head coach. "It was the first time we have played outside this year and it showed in the first few games."

In their debut game against William Woods, Mansfield found themselves on the losing end of an 8-2 ball

game. Senior second baseman, Kristen Harlow, provided a bright spot for the Mounties, hitting two for three in the game. Another senior, Chris Dyman, rapped out a double in the fifth inning and had a RBI. Heather Shelleman, a junior, also brought in a RBI for the Mounties.

In the second game of the doubleheader, freshman Melissa Stock got her first start on the mound, allowing six hits and five runs. The Mountaineers lost 10-2.

Mansfield nearly won their third game on Tuesday, March 12, but ended up falling 3-2 to St. Francis. Harlow once again provided solid hitting for the Mounties as the team led 2-0 going into the sixth inning. But a series of errors cost the Mounties a victory. Melissa Tyson did well on the mound, giving up just five hits and striking out two. Beth Fausnaught helped out with two RBI for the game.

In game two, Dyman picked up the hitting, going 2-3 at the plate. But the defense hurt the Mounties when they gave up seven runs in the first inning. St. Francis won 10-2.

Mansfield came back strong in their next two games, splitting with Wilmington. The Mounties first win of

the season was a low scoring affair, with the results being 1-0. Sophomore Tyson pitched the win for the Mounties. In the second game, Mansfield lost 5-3.

The softball team won again in a 6-2 decision over St. Francis on Thursday, March 14. Tyson played well on offense and defense, going 2-3 at bat with an RBI and picking up the win on the mound. Harlow was again strong, hitting two RBI for the game. The majority of Mansfield's runs came in the first inning of play as they took advan-

tage of some key hits and an opponents error.

Mansfield struggled their next three games, scoring only one run in the three outings against Ballarmine, Western Missouri, and Williams Woods. Tyson scored the lone run against Bellarmine when she bunted and reached home on errors.

The Mountaineers put the whole weeks work together in their final game of the tournament to show what they were capable of. They crushed Mt. Mary 18-2

Meet The Team

by: Amber Lakits
sports editor

Name: Ken Danko

Year: Sophomore

Position: catcher

Hometown: Tunkhannock

High School: Susquenita



MU baseball

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MU Women's Basketball Statistics

PLAYER	G-GS	FG-A	%	3FG-A	%	FT-A	%	O	D	T	PTS.
S. Barr	19-18	68-195	34.4	36-103	34.0	14-17	82.4	15	41	56	186
L. Bricker	24-5	44-122	31.1	14-40	30.0	14-24	58.3	22	29	51	121
B. Dutko	24-24	157-322	48.8	0-0	0.0	91-137	66.4	66	101	167	405
C. Farabaugh	24-24	29-101	28.7	8-27	29.6	12-20	60.0	21	43	64	80
E. Fisher	24-17	69-195	33.8	3-22	13.6	36-49	73.5	33	56	89	177
C. Hill	24-0	23-71	28.2	11-27	29.6	19-24	79.2	5	25	30	82
M. Jeffery	24-24	95-223	42.6	0-0	0.0	69-103	67.0	110	135	245	291
L. Martin	11-0	2-7	28.6	0-0	0.0	1-2	50.0	0	2	2	9
J. Masker	22-8	39-136	28.7	19-73	26.0	21-30	70.0	9	17	26	135
T. Moser	23-0	25-56	44.6	0-0	0.0	12-19	63.2	29	39	68	74
D. Owens	18-0	9-41	22.0	0-0	0.0	6-9	66.7	12	23	35	26
J. Williams	15-0	11-37	29.7	2-7	28.6	8-13	61.5	4	5	9	42

China launches new war games near Taiwan

By Joe McDonald
associated press

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Stepping up its campaign to intimidate Taiwan before presidential elections this weekend, China launched new air and sea war games on Tuesday just 11 miles from Taiwan's outlying islets.

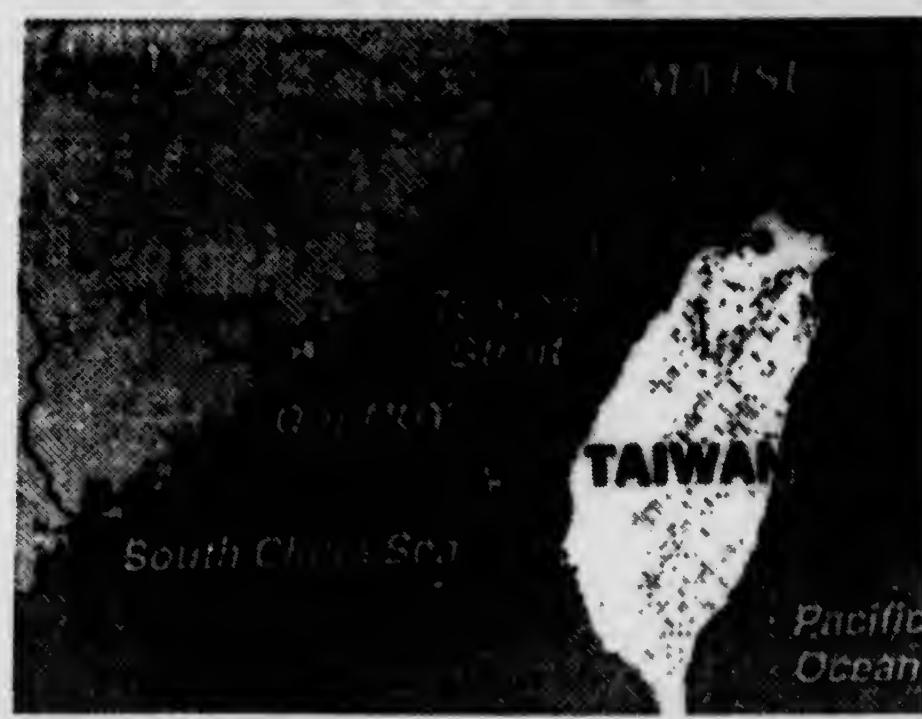
Because of rainy weather, the maneuvers began a day late and were smaller than exercises already underway about 75 miles southwest of Taiwan, the island's Defense Ministry said.

Meanwhile, Taiwan tightened security for its presidential candidates amid reports of a plot against them and one candidate's claim that he is the target of an assassin. Authorities have said they will cancel the election if any candidate is killed.

Taiwan's first direct presidential elections Saturday are a culmination of a decade of reforms that have transformed the island, the refuge of the Nationalists after their 1949 defeat in China's civil war, from a military dictatorship to a democracy.

The Communist government in Beijing, which regards Taiwan as a renegade province, has launched the war games to scare voters away from President Lee Teng-hui, whom it accuses of having abandoned their shared goal of reunification.

Lin Chia-chi, an official of Taiwan's National Security Council, said Tuesday several people have sneaked into Taiwan to "plot something against"



China is conducting a military exercises off the coast of Taiwan. This forced the evacuation of several Taiwanese controlled islands on Sunday.

the candidates. He didn't give any details.

Candidate Peng Ming-min, an advocate of Taiwanese independence, claimed a Chinese hit man had been sent to murder him. According to Peng, intelligence agents said unidentified sources offered \$5 million for his killing.

Aides said the government increased each candidate's contingent of bodyguards from 39 to 45 on Tuesday and asked the candidates to wear bullet-proof vests.

In the war games Tuesday, a small number of ships and planes practiced formations near the Taiwanese is-

land of Matsu, Taiwan's Defense Ministry said.

Farther to the southwest, another force held an eighth day of maneuvers off China's southeastern coast, the ministry said. The exercises, which began last week in the 90-mile-wide channel separating Taiwan from the mainland, are to end on Wednesday.

The United States has sent the aircraft carrier USS Independence and other warships to patrol the international waters off Taiwan, an act that China says has fanned tensions. Another aircraft carrier is en route to the area.

In Washington, U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry said Tuesday

that the American response is intended to remind Beijing who is the dominant power in the region.

"Beijing should know, and this will remind them, that while they are a great military power, the premier — the strongest — military power in the Western Pacific is the United States," Perry told a group of former and current Congress members.

Perry said China's leaders are unlikely to accomplish their goal of swaying the Taiwanese election.

"They simply don't understand ... how democracy works and what it takes to influence a democracy," Perry said.

But U.S. officials tempered the tough rhetoric with diplomacy, announced that Secretary of State Warren Christopher will meet April 21 in The Hague with his Chinese counterpart, Foreign Minister Qian Qichen.

Christopher met with Qian last October at the United Nations in New York. The secretary intends to go to Beijing by the end of the year.

In addition to Taiwan, Christopher and Qian are expected to discuss allegations that China is providing nuclear technology to Pakistan and Iran, missile and video piracy, and America's widening trade deficit with China.

Beijing has criticized the U.S. for its response to the rising tensions. Earlier in the day, Foreign Ministry spokesman Shen Guofang said the United States has "unshirkable responsibility" for the tensions and "must immediately stop its activities designed to interfere with China's internal affairs and intensify the tensions."

Taiwan tightens campaign security, Chinese maneuvers continue

BY Anne Huang
associated press

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — New Chinese war games began today near Taiwanese islets, while Taiwan tightened security for its presidential candidates — one of whom says he has been targeted by a hit man.

Several people have sneaked into Taiwan to "plot something against" the candidates, said Lin Chia-chi, an official of Taiwan's National Security Council. He didn't give any details, and said it was unclear which of the four candidates would be the target.

Authorities have said if any of the four candidates is killed, they would cancel the election Saturday, Taiwan's first direct presidential vote.

In an attempt to discourage independence sentiment before the election, China has been conducting maneuvers since last week in the Taiwan Straits, a 90-mile-wide channel separating the mainland from Taiwan.

China regards Taiwan, ruled by the rival Nationalists, as a renegade province to be recaptured by force if necessary. President Lee Teng-hui has been defiant, saying Chinese leaders are afraid the example of Taiwan's blossoming democracy would undermine their own power.

Chinese warplanes and ships practiced formations today off China's southeastern coast, about 11 miles from the Taiwanese islet of Matsu, Taiwan's Defense Ministry said.

The exercises were supposed to start Monday, but bad weather apparently delayed their start by a day. Because of rain and wind, the activities near Pingtan Island involved only a few fighter jets and vessels, the ministry said.

"In this exercise area, there were only a few Communist vessels and naval ships engaging in combat drills, flight formation and artillery firing," the Defense Ministry said.

The war games that began today are to overlap with maneuvers off China's coast about 75 miles southwest of Taiwan.

Warplanes and ships held an eighth day of maneuvers today in that area, the Defense Ministry said. Those war games are to end Wednesday.

The United States has sent warships to patrol the international waters off Taiwan, an act which China says has fanned tensions.

Peng Ming-min, the leading challenger to Lee, claimed a Chinese hit man had arrived with orders to kill him, but didn't say if the killer was sent by China. Peng said his information came from intelligence agents who said unidentified sources offered \$5 million for his death.

An aide to Lee said security officials have asked the candidates to wear bulletproof vests, but added it was impossible to say who would want to attack them, because their ideologies are so diverse.

China has criticized Peng for wanting to drop the two governments' shared goal of reunification. China also has accused Lee of secretly wanting independence. The other two candidates support reunification.

An aide to Peng, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the government increased the number of guards assigned to him from 39 to 45 Tuesday.

Taiwan hasn't said it expects the war games to erupt into a Chinese invasion, and China hasn't said they will either.

But hundreds of people have fled the Chu and Wuchiu islands, just 11 miles from the planned maneuvers, and Taipei's China Times newspaper said Monday that troops have taken up positions on Wuchiu to repel a possible beach assault. The government refused to comment on the report.

The 200 people remaining in the Chu islands conducted air raid drills Monday, officials said.

A Chinese island was also the scene of an evacuation today. A city official in Fuging, speaking on condition of anonymity, said about 10 families had been ordered to leave Pingtan Island by today because of the exercises. A number of migrant workers had already returned to the mainland, frightened by the war games.

Calendar

Friday, March 22

1-4pm Free pool at the Rec Desk in Memorial Hall
6-8pm Mysterious Eskimo Show on WNTE
10pm Zanzibar at the Hut

Saturday, March 23

1pm Baseball away at Albany
10pm Zanzibar at the Hut

Sunday, March 24

Noon Baseball away at Albany
5pm Roderick Nevin Senior Voice Recital in Steadman Theater
8pm Megan Haught Senior Piano Recital in Steadman Theater
8pm Zanzibar at the Hut

Monday, March 25

4pm Flashlight meeting, 217 Memorial Hall
7pm James Manuele Senior Guitar Recital in Steadman Theater

9pm Student Government Meeting, Memorial Hall

Tuesday, March 26

1pm Ebony Discussion Hour in the MLK Center, Memorial Hall
3pm Softball away at Lock Haven
9pm MAC meeting in lower Memorial Hall
Sigma movie night at The HUT

Wednesday, March 27

11-1pm Free popcorn at the Rec Desk in Memorial Hall

9pm MAC Coffeehouse at the Hut
Baseball at home with Binghamton University

Thursday, March 28

International Discussion Hour in the MLK Center, Memorial Hall
2:30pm Softball at home with Bloomsburg University
9pm Zanzibar at the Hut

MU student allegedly assaulted at fraternity party

Charges may be filed as soon as today, police say

by Matt Peterson
managing editor

Criminal charges stemming from the alleged assault of a Mansfield University student may be filed as soon as Friday, March 29, said Mansfield borough police Chief Paul Shaw.

MU sophomore John Lipsey of Berwick, Pa. was allegedly attacked and assaulted at a Phi Kappa Theta fraternity party held at the local chapter's house, early in the morning on March 3.

According to Shaw, there were several people involved in the attack and Lipsey had to be transported to a hospital by ambulance soon after the incident.

"Lipsey received severe damage about his head," Shaw said.

According to Shaw, the police department is still waiting for a medical report to confirm Lipsey's exact injuries, but they believe he had to have his eye socket restructured and five steel plates placed in his head.

Shaw said that the incident was first reported to the borough police, not by Lipsey, but by his friend Jim O'Shay, an MU sophomore.

According to O'Shay, the night of the alleged assault the two had gone to the Phi Kappa Theta house to attend a party and hear a band perform.

O'Shay said that as far as he knows the events leading to the alleged attack started when Phi Kappa Theta brothers asked Lipsey to leave because he was reportedly "slam dancing into some other guy" while the band was

playing.

Once he was escorted outside, there was an alleged argument between Lipsey and Phi Kappa Theta members. One of the brothers reportedly punched Lipsey and Lipsey punched back causing several others to jump in and attack him, O'Shay said.

Five men, at least three of whom were Phi Kappa Theta brothers, knocked Lipsey to the ground and were "punching" and "kicking" Lipsey in the face and body, O'Shay said.

The police feel that the incident was more than just a fist fight between two people.

"There were multiple people involved in the incident," Shaw said. "His wounds were not caused by just a

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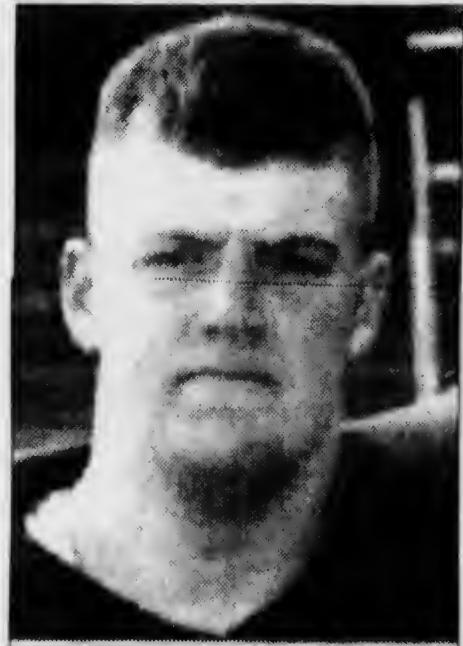


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MU sophomore John Lipsey who underwent drastic facial and head surgery.

HIV/AIDS essay contest to be held at Mansfield University

by Gene Yager
wire editor

"AIDS Can Happen to You. Stop the Fear, Get the Facts" is this year's theme for the second annual poster and essay contest sponsored by the Tioga County AIDS Resource and Support Alliance.

"The mission of TARSA is to work towards the elimination of HIV/AIDS through education and prevention while providing support to persons living with HIV disease as well as their family, friends and loved ones," Anne Greer, vice president of TARSA, said.

TARSA is a non profit organi-

zation which helps assist HIV and AIDS victims living with the virus/disease by forming support groups, holding confidential meetings, and getting patients involved with a buddy system that involves having a trained volunteer help a person living with HIV/AIDS.

"Everything is strictly confidential, realizing that there is a major stigma when it comes to the public's perception of the disease," Greer said.

Some activities that buddies would help with would be to take them to the doctor, dentist, get them groceries, and mainly be there to listen, Greer said.

A buddy training program for people interested in becoming a buddy

will take place on April 13-14.

Due to the involvement of Mansfield University students last year in TARSA, the essay and poster contest has been expanded to include college students.

Essays will be judged on thoughtfulness, creativity, clarity, sincerity, accuracy, and relation to theme. Each should be a minimum of 200 words. Posters will also be based on creativity, originality, and should be no smaller than 2' by 3'. Both essays and posters should include the student's name, address, school and class printed on the back of the poster and the essay's last page. Submissions should be turned in to the Student Activities office, 209 Memorial

Hall, by Friday, April 19.

Also sponsored by TARSA is an annual world AIDS day walk and concert, which takes place every Dec. 1.

During the walk, participants "take lighted candles, and walk through town as a witness for people with HIV/AIDS," Greer said.

According to Greer, after the walk, a concert is performed by various area artists.

TARSA is currently sending out speakers to area schools in order to educate students on HIV/AIDS and also preparing for several new programs,

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Controversy arises over campus and national Internet rules

by Chris McGann
layout editor

The Mansfield University police are currently investigating a complaint about unauthorized messages that

appeared on the MU computer network. The Feb. 23 issue of the Flashlight reported a complaint about the messages in the Police Beat. The complaint was filed on Feb. 16.

"The messages were not vulgar," said Francis Stock, investigating of-

ficer. "The messages have stopped now."

According to Alan Johnson, manager of operating systems, the message program was actually a part of the system.

"It is a normal part of the Novell system," Johnson said. Novell is one of the four file servers that the university network uses.

Johnson explained that sending messages to other people had been possible before. The messages would appear on the receiver's computer screen, so anyone on a university networked computer could have gotten access to that part of the program.

According to Johnson, somebody purposely broadcast messages that some people found offensive.

Johnson said the offensive message read "eat my chocolate doughnut."

Both the police and Johnson refused to release the name of the person who complained.

"I had to disable (the message program) reluctantly," Johnson said. "It's a neat thing."

He added that the message program will probably not be reinstalled.

Another concern is the question of what would be illegal on the Internet. According to the Communication Decency Act, it is illegal to make available to minors any material that would be considered indecent or obscene or to put anything harassing on the net. This includes home pages. The CDA allows for fines up to \$100,000 and up to two years in prison for violation.

One of the leaders in the fight against the CDA is the Center for Democracy and Technology which has a site on the Internet.

"The CDA makes the Net the most heavily regulated communication medium in the United States," the CDT says on its home page.

According to computer center director Gary Ingerick the law has a provision stating that if the page notifies the user that they may be offended, the person who set up the site won't be prosecuted.

According to Ingerick, guidelines were developed for all State Systems of Higher Education and MU has developed guidelines regarding what

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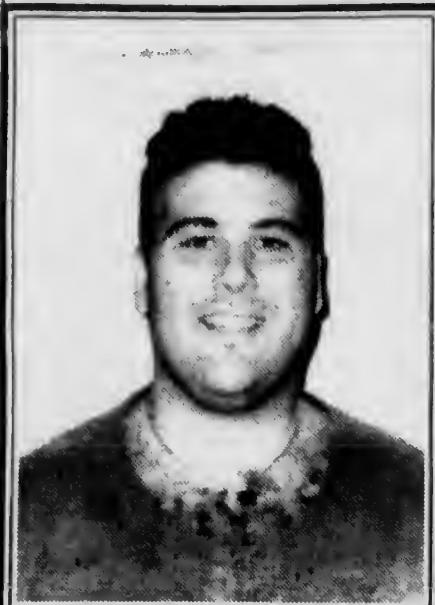


Progress on the reconstruction of North Hall, can now be seen as the entrance for the main lobby displays its handicap accessibility.

Student Voices

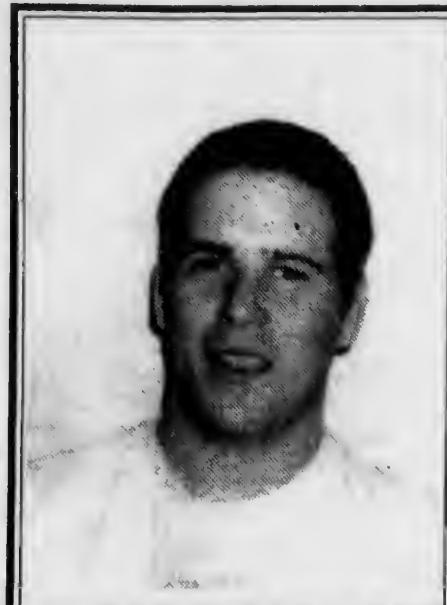
by Cindy Albano

Q. "Do you think MU should revise the general education requirements? Why or why not?"



Scott McAndrew
Junior

"No, because it broadens everyone's minds with a better education."



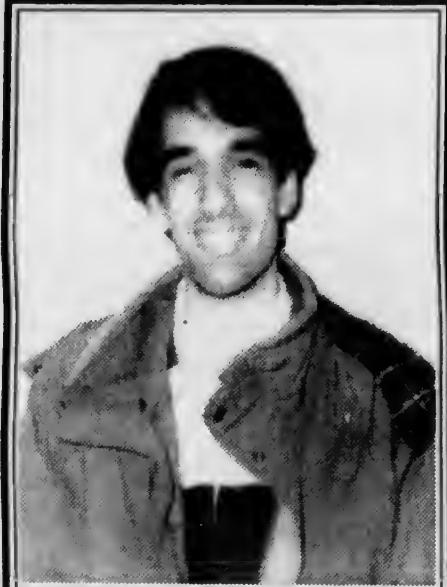
Keith Crowley
Sophomore

"Yes. Students should be allowed to arrange their blocks so they can take as many Funmaker classes as possible."



Libby Baumgartner
Junior

"No, because taking general education courses makes you a more well-rounded person."



Rustin Kreider
Sophomore

"Yes, if it was up to me I would take all computer science classes, however I do think there is some merit in general education courses."

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punch."

According to O'Shay, he and the women he and Lipsey had come with attempted to push the men off Lipsey but were unable to stop the assault.

"I yelled at them, 'He's had enough,'" O'Shay said.

The alleged assault ended when other members of the Phi Kappa Theta fraternity pulled back those who were attacking, O'Shay said.

O'Shay was not positive if alcohol had anything to do with the assault

but he believed some of the attackers had been drinking.

"It was about one in the morning, I'm sure some of them had had some beer," O'Shay said.

O'Shay reported the alleged assault soon after when prompted to do so by Lipsey's parents.

Lipsey is currently home and does not plan to come back to MU this semester, O'Shay said.

As of press time, Phi Kappa Theta declined comment.

ESSAY, from pg. 1

800-550-0447.

A forum will be held on April 16 at 7 p.m. in Cedarcrest to help educate MU students on HIV/AIDS.

The forum, which is being organized by Stacy Haugh, junior special education and Spanish education major, will have panelists who are HIV/AIDS patients and family members of HIV/AIDS victims. An open discussion will follow.

"It is very important to get educated, because it can happen to anybody. Education is the only prevention," Haugh said.

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may be put on university home pages.

"We don't intend to police the network," Ingerick said. "We find out if someone is offended and try to see if it is illegal."

To aid in their efforts, the university has posted a sign in the Home Economics Center computer lab with guidelines students are to follow.

The sign reads "This is a por-

nography/violence free lab. If you are doing any activity (games, network sites, etc.) that could be considered obscene or offensive, you will be asked to leave the lab."

According to computer science professor Clarence Krantz, the computer science department voted to put the sign up after receiving several complaints from students.

Police Beat

03/21/96

14:30 Community service. Assisted Admissions Office in welcoming the prospective minority students. Explained campus rules and regulations and the structure of the police department.

17:45 Report of theft. Center caps taken from wheels of vehicle parked in East Lot.

03/22/96

10:12 Medical assist. Student with severe back pain in Butler Center. Ambulance dispatched. Student transported to Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital.

03/27/96

22:30 Report of harassment and disorderly conduct.

03/25/96

10:07 Worker passed out in North Hall. Ambulance dispatched. Worker transported to SSMH.

03/26/96

10:15 Broken windshield of vehicle parked in Lot C.

11:45 Report of theft.

19:00 Community service.

Open forum discussion on campus about safety issues in Hemlock Hall.

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SGA discusses removing inactive senators, elections

by James Moyer
staff reporter

During this week's Student Government Association meeting, evaluations were held that discussed removing inactive senators from office, those whom SGA felt were disinterested in continuing on as part of the organization.

"Many of these people have been involved for three or four years," SGA President Kenyatta Johnson said. "They know what's going on as far as the rules. They just haven't taken the initiative to call and tell us they won't be here."

"You have an attendance policy, and they violated it," said Joe Maresco, vice president of student affairs.

Ben Calder, SGA senator, made the motion to remove the senators from office who did not express a desire to remain on SGA. The floor was then

opened for discussion.

"There's only a few weeks left until the new senate takes over. My personal feeling is that we should just leave them on," SGA Treasurer Jon Atkins said.

"If we leave them on, we cause ourselves a problem with a quorum," Johnson said.

After further discussion, a vote was held that resulted in a unanimous call for the removal of a number of senators.

The focus of the meeting then shifted to the election of a new corresponding secretary to replace Elizabeth Vanderpool, who has been unable to perform her duties due to personal reasons.

Nominations for a new corresponding secretary were then held. Those who received nominations were: Matt Fogg, Ben Calder, and Cindy Albano. Each nominee was allowed to state why he or she was qualified for the position. Matt Fogg was then elected

SGA corresponding secretary.

"I think it will be a very good opportunity for me," Fogg said. "I'm very good at communicating with people."

Later in the meeting, Joe Maresco updated SGA on some of the changes that are or will be undertaken by the University. He spoke of the progress being made toward the opening of North Hall and the expected April ground breaking for the new Student Fitness Center.

"Essentially the renovation is done, they're just finishing up some odds and ends right now," Maresco said.

The first shipment of furniture for North Hall is scheduled to arrive this week, and many other types of activities will begin to take place in and around the building. Three openings are scheduled for North Hall: alumni weekend in June, general campus in Sept., and the official dedication on Oct. 26.

Bids for the new Student Fitness Center were opened last week and most of them have been secured. Two of the packages must be rebid, but will not affect the completion of the project because the processes that they involve occur much later in construction.

"We are within budget, and will hopefully still be on track for an April ground breaking," Maresco said.

Another item discussed was the changing of student Evaluation Reports for next semester. The ER's will have both a new look and will require passwords in order to ensure privacy of a student's academic report.

Also, elections for the outstanding student award nominee from SGA were held. SGA vice president, Erin Sember was nominated. Sember will represent SGA at a banquet that will culminate with the presentation of the outstanding student award to the nominee with the most merit.

Award winning musical, *Quilters*, performed at Straughn

by Kristyn E. Stackhouse
copy editor

The award-winning musical *Quilters*, performed in Straughn Auditorium on Thursday, March 28, was brought to Mansfield University as part of the Fine Arts and Cultural series.

Other productions brought to MU by the series included *Boomers*, *The Reduced Shakespeare Company* and *Oh! Henry*.

Michael Crum of the communication and theatre department and member of the Fine Arts committee was in charge of booking *Quilters*.

"We chose *Quilters* because in theatrical circles, it's considered to be a fine show," Crum said. "It also fits in well with the upcoming Women's Cultural Week."

In 1983, *Quilters* won the First Fringe Award for the Outstanding New Drama at the Edinburgh Theatre Festival. The musical is based upon old letters, diaries and oral histories of frontier women as they experienced joys and tragedies through difficult times.

Quilters focused upon the lives of seven frontier women and the bond that they shared as they stitched legacy quilts.

"Each piece has a part of somebody's thread of life running

through it," sang one of the women. "It's my legacy quilt."

Each scene was distinguished by a block of fabric to be later added to the quilt. Each block was a distinctive pattern representing specific events in the lives of the women. The patterns included birth, marriage, death, natural disaster and baptism.

The seven member ensemble cast took on different roles as the show progressed. One of the women aborted her twelfth child because she feared that she wouldn't be able to survive the birth. Another's husband was killed while working on the railroad and as a result, she was forced to care for her family alone.

The show accurately captured the lives of the frontier women, at times showing that they were just as heroic as their male counterparts. It was often the women who not only took care of the household chores, but the frontier work as well.

The lives of the women were told through humor, song, dance and monologue. The music helped to lend a folksy air to the production.

Quilters opened to a small audience mostly consisting of members of the community.

Two members of the local community were extremely pleased with the musical.

While the members of the quintet were not the ones featured on the album, Galloway felt they gave a strong performance.

Before the quintet's performance, the MU jazz band played several songs.

Eric Carpenter, drummer and long time member of the MU jazz band, thought they played very well and felt the festival was just as good this year, if not better, than it was last year.

"I thought we played very well," Carpenter said. "I thought the



The cast of *Quilters* performed to a small audience on Thursday.

"I am fascinated by different quilt styles," Debbie Greco, a Mansfield resident said. "This sounded like something unusual that I had to come and see."

When she was a child, Greco's mother sewed a quilt when she received a bag of scraps containing old baby clothes and other precious items from her sister. The central piece of the quilt was her grandmother's wedding dress.

"Things really haven't changed from the frontier days," Greco said. "My mother's quilt is precious to me."

Glenda Reese, a Wellsboro resident, makes her own quilts. She was

drawn to the musical because she's been quilting since 1976, and she is interested in the history of quilt-making.

"I thoroughly enjoyed the show," she said. "I hope to teach my own daughter someday how to quilt, but I don't know at this point if she will have an interest in it."

Kim Brown, a junior criminal justice major found the musical to be interesting.

"It was about the lives of women and how they were tied together through the quilts," Brown said. "You just don't hear about the lives of frontier women."

Annual Mansfield University jazz festival a success

by Matt Peterson
managing editor

The 15th annual Mansfield University Jazz Festival was held in Steadman Theatre on Saturday, March 23.

The all day music event was highlighted by an evening concert featuring professional musicians, the MU jazz band and a local high school band.

Michael Galloway, director of the MU jazz band and organizer of the event, felt that the entire event, especially the concert, went over very well.

"I thought it was an appreciative and responsive crowd," Galloway said. "I was pleased. It is always a lot of fun."

The featured professional musicians of the night were the members of the Haruko Nara Quintet lead by jazz pianist Haruko Nara. According to the

biography in the concert program, Nara has released one album entitled "My Favorite Things," which contributed to the booking of the show.

"I was walking by Dr. (Yongsuk) Kim's office when I first heard her album," Galloway said. "I was so impressed by the music that I almost immediately called her and asked her to come and do the show."

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Eric Carpenter, drummer and long time member of the MU jazz band, thought they played very well and felt the festival was just as good this year, if not better, than it was last year.

"I thought we played very well," Carpenter said. "I thought the

whole festival went great this year."

Warming up the crowd and opening the show was a jazz band from Dover High School of Dover, Pa. Earlier that day, Dover won the high school band competition sponsored by the university which guaranteed them a spot in the show, Galloway said.

"I thought the high school band

was very tight and it seems like they have a good program," Carpenter said.

In addition to the competition, music clinics were conducted for the high school students by members of the Haruko Nara Quintet. The musicians gave pointers to the students and showed them how to tighten their playing, Galloway said.

Gazette to sponsor political debate

special to the Flashlight

The Wellsboro Gazette will sponsor a debate between candidates for Pennsylvania's Fifth Congressional District seat Monday, April 1, in Mansfield.

The debate, held in cooperation with Tioga County Development Corporation and Mansfield University, will be held at 7 p.m. in the MU Allen Lecture Hall.

Republican candidates Pat

Conway of State College, Dan Gordeuk of Port Matilda, state Senator John Peterson of Pleasantville and Bob Shuster of Bellefonte have all agreed to attend.

Democratic candidate Ruth Rudy of Centre Hall will be unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

MU political science professor Kathleen McQuaide will serve as moderator for the debate, which will include a panel of journalists as questioners.

Women's studies program to present culture week

special to the Flashlight

Women will take center stage at Mansfield University during the third Women's Arts and Culture Week, March 31-April 4.

The week annually features concerts, workshops, poetry readings, exhibits and an "open mic" night dedicated to recognizing the unique contributions women make to society.

Sponsored by the women's studies program, the week this year features arts and culture contributions of women who reside in the Twin Tiers, but whose work has brought them national and international renown.

Events begin with the concert "Solos and Trios by Women Composers" Sunday, March 31, at 7 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. The event is organized by MU piano professor Dr. Nancy Boston, who has performed internationally and who, in recent years has researched the work of women composers.

On Monday, April 1, events include an opening reception for weaver

Liz McLelland of Mansfield and a workshop on professional nursing.

The Women's Center in Pinecrest 102 will house the exhibit and host a reception for McLelland from 2:30-4:30 p.m. McLelland will show raw fleeces, washed wool, a spinning wheel and hand-spun yarn, various kinds of wool and yarn, finished garments made from Tioga County wool, and various equipment used in wool production.

What makes McLelland's craft special is the fact that she produces her own wool from her family's sheep farm outside of Mansfield. She has turned a skill, knitting, taught to her as a child in Yorkshire, England, into a business, "Yorkshire Meadow Gifts." The exhibit will be open each day from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

The nursing workshop, titled "Professional Nursing, the Science that is an Art: Leading the Way in Women's Health Issues," is at 7 p.m. in Manser Hall's North Dining Room. Organized by MU Robert Packer Department of Health Sciences faculty member Dr. Jane McGuire, the panel features registered

nurses addressing women's health concerns. Also, MU nursing students will provide health information and hands-on demonstrations.

On Tuesday, April 2, MU English professor Dr. Judith Sornberger will present "The Poet Dreaming in the Artist's House" at 3:30 p.m. in North Dining Room. Sornberger will read from her poetry, which has appeared in anthologies, magazines and books, and show slides of works by women artists.

At 7 p.m. on April 2 in North Dining Room, several MU women scholars will present findings from their research during "Women's Scholars Night."

On April 3 at 7 p.m., Women's Arts and Culture Week will present "International Women's Culture Night," featuring presentations by several international students and faculty from abroad. The presentations will be followed by a potluck sampler of food by international and local women. Those who attend are encouraged to bring a sample of food from their culture to share with others.



Photo provided

Dr. Judith Sornberger will be a featured speaker at the Women's Art and Culture Week

The week's events close with "open mic" readings featuring local talent from the campus and surrounding community at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, in Pinecrest lounge and a 7 p.m. concert by local folk singer Suzanne Sterling, a 1995 MU graduate.

All events in Women's Arts and Culture Week are free and open to the public.

Schedule of events for Women's Art and Culture Week March 31-April 4

Women's Arts and Culture Week is sponsored annually by Mansfield's Women's Studies Program. All events are free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served. Come and join us in a celebration of women's heritage.

Sunday, March 31
Concert: "Solos and Trios by Women Composers"
7 p.m. Steadman Theatre
Refreshments will be served after the concert

Monday, April 1

Weaving Exhibit by Liz McLelland
2:30-4:30 p.m. Women's Center,
Pinecrest 102
Reception at 2:30 p.m., Refreshments will be served
The Weaving Exhibit will be held
2:30-4:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday

"Professional Nursing, the Science That's an Art: Caring Nurses Sharing Knowledge About Women's Health Issues"
Brief lectures, demonstrations, and hands-on learning conducted by Registered Nurses
7 p.m. North Dining Hall

Tuesday, April 2
"The Poet Dreaming in the Artist's House"
Poetry Reading and Slide Presentation by Judith Sornberger
3:30 p.m. North Dining Hall

Women Scholar's Night
Presentations by MU faculty and students
7 p.m. North Dining Hall

Wednesday, April 3
International Women's Culture Night
Panel Discussion and Potluck by

women from different countries and cultures
7 p.m. Memorial Hall

Thursday, April 4
Women Writers' Open Mic Reading
Open to women faculty, students, staff, and community members
3:30 p.m. Pinecrest Lounge

Coffee House Concert by Suzanne Sterling
Folk, folk-rock, and contemporary music for guitar and vocals
7 p.m. North Dining Hall

Mansfield hosts Special Olympics

by Stephanie DeNicola
staff reporter

The Tioga County chapter of the Special Olympics came to the Mansfield University campus for a day of fun and floor hockey on Saturday, March 2.

Tioga County chapter representatives also invited Special Olympic chapters from Clinton and Bradford counties.

The three chapters played three games of floor hockey in Decker Gymnasium.

Abbie Turnbell, a special education/elementary education sophomore, took part in organizing the event. The Council for Exceptional Children also helped out with the event, Turnbell said.

According to Turnbell, when Special Olympic athletes come to play at MU they usually do not have to pay to eat as the costs are taken from Special Olympics funds. However, this was not the case with the MU floor hockey event.

"Over 150 MU students signed over their meals so that the athletes could eat in Manser," said Turnbell.

"It was greatly appreciated."

The athletes who participated in the event were given T-shirts donated by Tioga County Petroleum in Mansfield, Turnbell said.

Edith Gallagher, the head coach of the MU women's field hockey team, was unable to attend the event.

"I did a lot of organizing for the event but I was unable to attend," Gallagher said. "However, I have heard nothing but good things about the day."

"It was a very fun day for everyone," Turnbell added.

Stacy Durnin, a Special Education sophomore, also attended the event.

"The athletes were all in good spirits and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely," Durnin said.

Carrie Hooper sang the National Anthem and the MU cheerleaders helped to keep everyone's spirits up, Durnin said.

According to Durnin, players on the MU field hockey team and members of the Council for Exceptional Children were very helpful in making sure that the athletes had a good time while on the MU campus, said Durnin.



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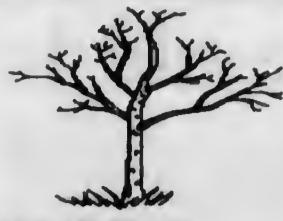
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MAC MEETING

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MU Juried Women's Exhibit

Reception and Announcement of Award Winners: Wednesday, March 27 from 7 - 9 p.m. University Gallery, Manser Hall.

Career Seminar Day 1996: Attention all students and faculty members of Mansfield University. Phi Beta Lambda is proud to announce its Career Seminar Day for 1996. We will be hosting this event on Friday, April 19. The program will involve speakers from various businesses, from both the state of Pennsylvania and outside of the state as well. Some of the invited speakers will be taking resumes. There will be a luncheon also, whereby some of the students/job seekers will be allowed the opportunity to meet and talk with some of the speakers. This event will be held in the Laurel Dormitory building. If you are interested, or have any questions ask any Phi Beta Lambda Brother or call Kurt at 662-5794.

Myths and symbols in the Graphic Arts of the Pacific Northwest Native Peoples: Lecture/slide show/exhibit Presented by Dr. Jan Kinch from Edinboro University, North Dining Hall 11 a.m. - noon.

Some Bunny wants you to come to the Easter Eggstravaganza! Come meet the Easter Bunny at Straughn Auditorium for a day of games, crafts, refreshment, and fun! Admission-\$2 per child. Must be accompanied by an adult. Saturday, March 30, 2-4 p.m. Straughn Auditorium, Mansfield University. Sponsored by the Mansfield University Drama-tists.

Fall 1996 Registration

Com 101, Section 4 is by "permission only". You must see the instructor for written authorization to enroll. This was not noted in the fall catalogue. See description of course listed below:
Oral Communication 101 Section 4, MW 9 am
 Students who feel an excessive amount of fear about the communication process can register for a special section of the required communications course, COM 101. The course requires a personal interview and permission from the professor prior to actual registration. For more information, contact Dr. Sharon Carrish, 307 South Hall, or call ext. 4371.

Native American Students Association: (NASA)

Recognized on campus since 1992, we hold meetings every Thurs. in the Native American Students Lounge in Pinecrest, RM 101. Any interested students are welcomed to attend.

LASO

Latino Student Organization Wed. at 4 pm Belknap Hall, RM 113 (seminar).

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Pacific Northwest Native

Contemporary Art: An exhibit of limited-edition serigraphs University gallery, Manser Hall, April 1 - May 11, 1996. Gallery hours: M.W.F. 12-5 & T.Th. 12-4:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S ARTS AND CULTURE WEEK 3/31 - 4/4: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CULTURE NIGHT.

Take part in a panel discussion on international cultures followed by a potluck of international food on April 3 at 7 pm in 204 Memorial Hall. Women interested in talking about their cultures (including American cultures) and bringing a representative dish to pass should call Andrea Harris at 4591 or Lynn Pifer at 4384.

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WOMEN'S ARTS AND CULTURE WEEK 3/31 - 4/4:
OPEN MIC Women from the campus community are invited to read their fiction, poetry and prose at a Women's Open Mic on April 4 at 3:30 in Pinecrest Lounge. If you have questions, please call Andrea Harris at 4591.

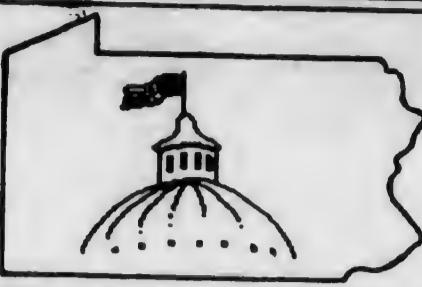
On Thursdays, beginning April 11, the student volunteer advocates will provide a support group for victim of sexual assault, dating violence and sexual harassment to relate their feelings. the support group will be held in the Women's center, Pinecrest 102, between 7 - 8 p.m. All communications are confidential.

Classifieds

Thanks "Bunches" to Zeta Tau Alpha and Delta Zeta for helping organize and selling daffodils for the American Cancer Society, March 21-22. Your help and cheerfulness was greatly appreciated. Thanks to each sister who put out balloons; sorted, wrapped daffodils, filled orders, delivered and sold daffodils. A special thanks to Victoria Trihey of Zeta Tau Alpha for helping me organize the whole day. You made my day! Thanks "Bunches"! Kay Lyman, Daffodil Day Chairperson for the American Cancer Society

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Pennsylvania in the News

Freed convicts speak out against death penalty

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Tales of murder and retribution were the highlights of a forum dedicated to putting a human face on one of the country's hottest debates — the death penalty.

Speaking Monday on behalf of the more than 3,000 Americans on death row, convicted murderer Shabaka WaQlimi told how he'd had his head shaved and was within hours of his last walk before a court ruled he'd been railroaded and set him free.

But police widow Maureen Faulkner, in a moving letter read beneath the stark gaze of black and white photographs of slain officers, described the "mental prison" of years spent waiting for the final chapter in her husband's murder.

"The system allows for only one source of closure, the execution, and without it the survivor is trapped," Faulkner wrote. A sympathetic city councilman had positioned the dead officers' photos on lecterns before her letter was read.

The National Commission on Capital Punishment, an anti-execution group, invited advocates and opponents to speak up during three days of hearings continuing today to mark the 20th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision to reinstate the death penalty.

The 1976 ruling also set the United States in contrast to almost every other Western democracy, which have banned the death penalty.

Since then, 324 Americans have been executed. More than 3,000 are waiting on death row.

Among the expected speakers at the NCCP hearings are O.J. Simpson attorney Barry Scheck, Bianca Jagger, Delaware Attorney General Jane Brady and celebrated death-row convict Mumia Abu-Jamal, who will be heard via videotape.

"Dead Man Walking" author Sister Helen Prejean endorsed the hearings, saying their goal was to give informed people on both sides a chance to air their views and "probe moral implications."

But many execution advocates turned down the invitation, including Philadelphia Mayor Edward G. Rendell and Dis-

trict Attorney Lynne Abraham, dubbed "The Deadliest D.A." by the New York Times for her zealous pursuit of the death penalty.

Attorney Michael Smerconish, who has represented the Fraternal Order of Police and is a friend of Faulkner's widow, was the only speaker Monday to present a case for executing people deemed a menace to society.

Smerconish focused his attack on Abu-Jamal, arguing that the convicted journalist's celebrity status as a victim of the system proved that punishments were becoming dangerously slack.

Abu-Jamal, a Black Panther turned radio journalist, was convicted of the 1982 murder of Police Officer Daniel Faulkner during a shootout on a Philadelphia street. Even though Abu-Jamal was lying bleeding and wounded a few feet from Faulkner's body, he has protested his innocence.

Thousands have rallied to his cause, including South African President Nelson Mandela and actors Ed Asner and Whoopi Goldberg.

But Smerconish asked, "Wouldn't it be appropriate for our celluloid heroes to buy a full-page ad in the New York Times to condemn violence against those who are entrusted to uphold the law?"

Convicted killer Murdock MacDonald said he is living proof that the system is unfair. As a white man and a friend of a minister, he was sheltered from a death sentence for shooting a married couple to death when they surprised him robbing their home in 1950.

"Influence is what makes the difference," said MacDonald, who since his 1973 parole has held executive positions in youth counseling programs.

"Prior to my arrest and confession, there was all kinds of hyped-up news. But once a minister entered the case on my side, the story changed," said MacDonald.

Fellow freed convict WaQlimi received opposite treatment. After 14 1/2 years on death row, WaQlimi had been measured for his death suit and was within 15 hours of being executed when an appeals court re-opened his case.

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Ridge's welfare bill in trouble in the house

HARRISBURG (AP) — Gov. Tom Ridge's proposal to remove roughly 259,000 people from medical assistance was rejected by the House Monday night.

Republicans joined Democrats in a 125-76 vote for an amendment that gutted the medical assistance section of Ridge's welfare bill, which had passed the Senate last week.

About 30 minutes later, the House voted 102-99 to send the entire welfare revision bill back to committee.

The defeat raised the possibility lawmakers would have to consider a tax increase and was another blow to Ridge's ambitious agenda. The House voted twice last year against Ridge's school choice proposal.

Ridge said the bill contained the "most dramatic welfare reform provisions Pennsylvania has ever seen."

"Unfortunately, the House took a pass on the tough decisions that are necessary to pay for that reform," Ridge said.

"We can't print money in Harrisburg. The House today said we must continue to provide free government health care to those who do not have children and are able to work but it didn't say where it would get the \$300 million necessary to do it."

The Ridge administration said the \$249 million the state would have saved by cutting medical assistance to single, able-bodied adults was needed to balance the state budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

Ridge said he had no choice but to cut so that aid could continue to others with greater needs. Roughly 16 percent of the 1.6 million people who receive medical assistance would have been affected by the change.

The amendment, introduced by Rep. John Taylor, R-Philadelphia, not only maintains medical assistance to 259,000 low-income people, but requires managed care for all recipients of medical assistance.

"This comes from a Republican who has voted for every single welfare reform proposal that has come before this House or

committee," Taylor said. "I think this bill goes too far. There is no justification to these cuts."

Taylor argued the original bill would have dramatically affected the health care industry, eliminating "thousands of jobs" around the state, and would have provided a disincentive to the working poor struggling to keep their jobs and leave welfare behind.

Moreover, hospitals across the state would lose nearly \$318 million, about 2 percent of their patient revenues.

"What we're really saying is 'Go back on welfare,'" Taylor said. "If that's the case ladies and gentleman, then there was no savings in this bill anyway."

But Taylor's amendment would increase welfare costs \$355 million, opponents argued.

House Republican Leader John Perzel of Philadelphia said without the cuts in medical assistance the Legislature must consider a tax increase or cutting funding for universities. Raising the liquor tax was one possibility, Perzel said.

"The tax hike is something we're going to have to look at," he said.

Ridge spokesman Tim Reeves said a tax increase is not an option.

Shifting all welfare recipients to managed care eventually will save the state at least \$75 million a year, but the start up costs are \$160 million more, said Welfare Department spokeswoman Mary Ellen Fritz.

Perzel and other Republicans who wanted the cuts said it was a needed first step to halt runaway welfare costs. The medical assistance budget has been growing 7 to 9 percent a year over the past decade while state revenues were growing at only 3 to 4 percent.

"We hear the sky is falling," said Rep. John Barley, R-Lancaster. "I don't think the sky is falling. ... We have to make a decision we're going to change ... the direction the welfare system in Pennsylvania is taking."

Perzel said pregnant women, children, the elderly and the disabled would have remained on medical assistance.

Judges continue to examine issue of cyberspace censorship

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Government lawyers trying to prove the need for a law curbing indecency on the Internet took the court to the seamier side of cyberspace and a site called "Bianca's Smut Shack."

They also showed, during the same demonstration Friday, that a computer search for information on Louisa May Alcott's book "Little Women" might have made the author blush.

Their point-and-click tour in search of "Little Women" turned up a sexually explicit site titled "Hot Pictures of Naked Women!"

On cross-examination of Donna Hoffman, a Vanderbilt University professor and expert on marketing on the World Wide Web, Justice

James C. Cawley asked, "Wouldn't it be interesting on the Internet to search for 'Bianca's Smut Shack'?"

"I think it's probably safe to say that the search for 'Bianca's Smut Shack' would turn up a lot of things," Hoffman said.

They say the law would violate First Amendment rights of adult computer users and might even ban discussions on breast cancer and safe sex. They also say the law is unenforceable because of the Internet's global nature.

pages wouldn't have appeared if they had included 'Alcott' in their search. It was a pretty obvious attempt to try and shock the court — one with minimal effect," said Stefan Presser, counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union.

An ACLU-led coalition of free-speech defenders and an industry group filed lawsuits last month seeking to strike down the new Communications Decency Act, signed Feb. 8 by President Clinton.

They say the law would violate First Amendment rights of adult computer users and might even ban discussions on breast cancer and safe sex. They also say the law is unenforceable because of the Internet's global nature.

The government contends the statute will combat child pornography, porno-

graphic material and other obscenities. The coalition, which includes the American Civil Liberties Union, has testified that

the law is unconstitutional because it violates the First Amendment.

On the last day of the trial, the court heard testimony from the author of "Bianca's Smut Shack,"

"I think the judges know that there is a problem with the law," said Hoffman. "They know that there is a problem with the law."

Lawyers said they will file a brief for the court to rule on the case.



Around the Nation

FDA approvals bring new hope to AIDS patients

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fifteen years into the AIDS epidemic, patients finally have the promise of not curing but controlling the deadly virus — thanks to a sudden influx of new drugs unlike that ever marshaled against any other disease.

"It's such an extraordinary time of both discovery and hope," said Gordon Nary, executive director of the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care.

"For many people today with HIV disease, there is a very good possibility ... it'll be a chronic disease" instead of a quick killer.

These new drugs, called protease inhibitors, don't cure the HIV virus that causes AIDS. But they attack it very differently than all other medicines — and the two newest ones can almost eliminate virus lurking in patients' blood.

The new drugs give patients unprecedented choices in battling HIV. More importantly, combining them with older medicines deals the virus a one-two punch that doctors hope — although they haven't proved it yet — will suppress HIV enough that patients live with AIDS for decades, just as they control other chronic diseases.

The headlines started in December when the Food and Drug Administration approved Hoffman LaRoche's saquinavir, the first but weak protease inhibitor, in a record 97 days.

That record quickly fell. On March 1, the FDA approved Abbott Laboratories' more powerful ritonavir in 72 days. Two weeks later, indinavir got the nod just 42 days after manufacturer Merck & Co. filed an FDA application.

Protease inhibitors weren't the only good news. Patients also got a new eye implant to prevent AIDS-related blindness, the FDA passed a better method to screen blood donations for HIV, and the first oral HIV test is expected in months.

AIDS patients until now had five choices: AZT, ddI, ddC, d4T and 3TC. All

worked the same way, targeting an enzyme called reverse transcriptase that is important for HIV to reproduce. But the drugs helped only modestly, and HIV quickly mutates to resist them.

So scientists specially designed drugs to target a second enzyme, protease, that is vital to another key step in HIV's reproduction. When combined with older medicines, the two most powerful protease inhibitors can cause the amount of HIV floating in many patients' blood to plummet by up to 98 percent.

HIV still lurks elsewhere in the body, so the drugs are not a cure.

Still, the idea is that keeping patients' HIV blood levels low for years would postpone AIDS symptoms. To do that, three-drug cocktails of either ritonavir or indinavir plus two older medicines became the most recommended AIDS therapy this month.

But that recommendation could change within the year:

A fourth protease inhibitor, Agouron Inc.'s nelfinavir, is in final testing and expected to be approved by 1997. Roche is creating a stronger saquinavir, also expected soon, and three other protease inhibitors are in earlier testing.

Abbott and Roche are studying the effects of taking two protease inhibitors together, ritonavir plus saquinavir. Preliminary results are expected in July.

Doctors are beginning studies of a four-drug mixture.

And companies have begun testing two drugs, nevirapine and delvaripine, in a third new class of AIDS medicines.

"It is an exciting time," said Dr. David Feigal, an AIDS specialist at the FDA.

But he cautioned that getting new AIDS drugs to patients fast means they haven't been tested for very long. So no one knows how long the new protease inhibitors' effects will last or even which patients should opt for which drug.

Feminist author Shere Hite gives up her US citizenship

BERGISCH GLADBACH, Germany (AP) — Feminist author Shere Hite has made her self-imposed exile official by becoming a citizen of Germany, and in a symbolic gesture released the first edition of her autobiography Tuesday in German.

Hite, 53, left the United States to escape the hostile reaction to her 1987 book that found that most women felt alienated in their relationships with men.

"Essentially, I was put on 'media trial' for my feminism," Hite wrote in an essay published in the Sunday Observer in London.

As happened after her previous reports, Hite came under fire for her methodology, basing her findings on essay-length answers to a questionnaire. But this time, Hite wrote in her essay, the American media contrived "provocative situations in advance, attempts to get me angry so I would do something 'dramatic.'"

Hite moved to Europe in 1987, where

she splits her time between London, Paris and Cologne, where her husband, German composer Friedrich Hoericke, lives.

She did not return a phone call to a residence listed under her husband's name and was unavailable through her German publisher, Lubbe Publishing.

But she told the Observer that her decision to adopt German citizen and surrender her U.S. passport was a protest against "the growing clamping down on independent thought in the U.S., a new McCarthyite period."

"You could say that leaving the states is my political protest in line with many U.S. writers and intellectuals before me ...," Hite said. "But it is also a way to have a larger more exciting life, to be involved in the world."

"The Hite Report on Herself," which chronicles her life from childhood in St. Joseph, Missouri, is being published first in German.

Lee promises better relations with China

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — With China reportedly signaling willingness for talks, President Lee Teng-hui celebrated his landslide election victory Sunday by promising to work on improving relations with Beijing.

China, after weeks of attempts to intimidate Taiwan in the run-up to its first-ever direct presidential election, took a more conciliatory tack once the ballots from Saturday's vote had been counted.

"We believe the door to negotiations is still open," China's Foreign Ministry spokesman Shen Guofang said. "The key is for the Taiwan authorities to give up their pursuit of two Chinas or one China and one Taiwan."

If Taiwan's leaders accept reunification, "relations could be eased and we could move on to discuss other things," Shen said in an interview Sunday with the London-based TV service Worldwide Television News, monitored in Beijing.

Hong Kong newspaper Wen Wei Po, in Sunday's editions, quoted Shen as saying Beijing has always called for better ties with Taipei, and cited President Jiang Zemin as suggesting last year that leaders of both sides should meet as soon as possible.

Shen was also quoted as saying the election was not a turning point for relations between Beijing and Taipei.

Washington, meanwhile, congratulated Taiwan on the election, but pointedly reaffirmed U.S. policy against officially recognizing the Chinese offshore island.

"Beijing is the one and only China," White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta told CNN. "We believe in a one-China policy, we do not recognize Taiwan as a separate government."

Panetta urged both Taiwan and mainland China to ease the tension produced by recent "provocation," "intimidation" and "military exercises."

Beijing has denounced Lee as an independence-seeker who wants to dump the doctrine that China and Taiwan are one country. But Taiwanese voters, undaunted by a Chinese show of military force with war games and missile tests during the presidential campaign, gave Lee 54 percent of the vote in Saturday's election.

"The past few weeks were a very difficult time," Lee told a roaring crowd of 2,000 after his victory. "People rushed to buy U.S. dollars and sold their homes as missiles were fired."

"But everything is different today," Lee said. "We have won a big victory, a victory for democracy."

What spring? Winter won't leave

Nearly a week after the official start of spring, almost two feet of snow fell on western Upper Michigan while strong winds caused damage in the southeastern portion of the state.

And it's not over. There's a chance of snow statewide today.

By late Monday, Bergland in Ontonagon County had received about 23 inches of snow, said Mike Evans of the National Weather Service.

"They got more snow than anybody in the Dakotas got," Evans said. "They always get the worse of all the storms."

Elsewhere Monday in the Upper Peninsula, Marquette reported more than 13 inches, 22 inches were dumped on Ironwood and Ontonagon got more than 16 inches.

"Everything is closed. Everything. It

Lee did not signal any concessions to China after his victory, but said: "We will seek further development in our mainland relations. We will do it well."

"I know you want stability, and you want to make money. Let's strive together for it," he said.

Premier Lien Chan, Lee's running mate, called for a resumption of low-level talks suspended by China last summer.

At a news conference, Lien promised to promote trade and civilian exchanges, but urged China to "shun any further deeds that could hurt people's feelings."

Asked about signing a treaty with China to end hostilities, Lien said Taiwan would seriously consider it, but added it would be a long process.

Beijing accuses Lee of seeking to dump the doctrine that China and Taiwan are one country. But it miscalculated when it thought its military threats would make Taiwanese blame Lee and deny him votes — most analysts agree that the threats rallied voters around their president.

"The election will send a clear message to the mainland authorities — you can't win people over by only pushing them around in fact it could backfire," the respected China Times commented.

Lee trounced three challengers — Peng Ming Min, who advocated independence for Taiwan, and Lin Yang-kang and Chen Li-an, who sought to placate Beijing by reaffirming Taiwan's desire for reunification with China.

China drew encouragement from the fact that Lin and Chen together outpolled Peng by 25 percent to 21, and claimed its war games had succeeded in quashing pro-independence sentiment in Taiwan.

The assessment carried by Xinhua, China's official news agency, reported Lee's 54 percent, too, but did not mention the word "democracy" or tell readers that Taiwan elected its president by universal suffrage for the first time.

Instead Xinhua called it a "change in the way leaders are produced."

Market analysts, meanwhile, believe Taiwan's sagging financial markets — a casualty of China's military threats — will rebound because of Lee's strong showing.

The government has spent hundreds of millions of dollars to prop up Taiwan's currency and stock prices since China began war games two weeks ago.

Despite government intervention, the Taipei stock market has fallen 4 percent this year. On Saturday, a newspaper quoted official figures.

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Don't read this

Five years ago the entire staff of the *Flashlight* simply quit all at once. We know exactly why they did what they did. They all quit because they were tired. They were tired of having to do the entire paper with an extremely limited staff when everyone complained about the quality of it. They were tired of taking 18 credits, working, and having to do all the work of the *Flashlight* as well. They were burned out.

Most of our editors and staff take 18 credits of classes, work, work a lot, and put more than 20 hours weekly into the *Flashlight*, and the only reason that we do this is because we love it. We came to study at Mansfield University to become journalists with the highest standards in ethics and professionalism, and the *Flashlight* was always the only practical tool to achieve our needs.

Unfortunately, we have so limited of a staff that we all shoulder an inordinately large burden of work to put out this paper every week. It has become impossible to cover all of the stories and events that should appear in our paper. We have begun to run press releases in place of actual news stories, something we've traditionally tried to avoid. We all have to take one to four stories each week on top of laying the paper out and editing. It has become impossible for most of us to keep up with work in our classes, which are suppose to be our primary concern. We no longer like each other—We used to be a group of good friends.

Every week we run some sort of ad stressing that we have holes in our staff that need to be filled. We have no intentions of walking out and leaving the *Flashlight* to die. Now we need to tell you that without more staff, the *Flashlight* is going to die out on its own. Without new members, no organization can progress; if no one starts helping out, the only thing the *Flashlight* can do is digress.

Flashlight applauds MAC for upcoming Rollins performance

Another spring semester and once again Mansfield Activities Council provides quality entertainment for the campus and community. Henry Rollins, a big name in music and performance, will be presenting his spoken word show April 14 at 7 p.m. in Straughn Auditorium.

We believe that MAC's efforts to provide good entertainment for this campus have again been proved positive. Last spring, MAC brought to this campus the internationally famous band LIVE, which attracted almost 3,000 people to Decker Gymnasium. Henry Rollins, who is just as popular as LIVE (for a different audience) also promises a big audience.

Despite bureaucratic processes that MAC members have to face along with all natural difficulties (such as, adding MU to the itinerary of these bands and performers, the entire publicity for the events on and off campus, ticket sales and distribution, hundreds of phone calls, much frustration and every possible thing related to such big events) the organization does its best to provide MU with what's best out there.

Many students at MU have the misconception that MAC can bring any band to this campus at any time they wish. The general mistake here is that in order for MAC to get bands to perform at MU, they have to consider the available budget, price charged for each of these performers and the itinerary and schedule of these bands.

For example, for the spring concert MAC was also considering the Gin Blossoms as an option. However, the band's \$35,000 fee for a concert couldn't be taken into consideration. Even if MAC charged students \$10 for the admission fee, it would require an audience of at least 3,500 people in order to make the money back.

On the other hand, Henry Rollins' \$7,500 fee is considerably less and it will still be a good show.

We would like to applaud MAC in their efforts to provide MU with good entertainment.



Student applauds computer center

To the editor:

A page 8 article in last week's *Flashlight* made a couple of inaccurate references to the campus E-mail system. I am fully aware that the intent was to be humorous (and it was) and I have no negative intent toward the author. I would, however like to use the article as an example that not all student complaints are ignored and that there are a few improvements on this campus because they go unnoticed, at times.

In response to Mr. Kaiser's statement, "Unfortunately it (the E-mail system) will not be getting any better," I would like to say that E-mail works much better now than it did last month. Partly because of the huge demand by the students, the Computer Center gave priority to developing a solution for the problem plagued mail server. While initially the Computer Center had attempted to distribute its limited funds and had not used the best materials for the mail system, they have now made a significant investment in money, time and manpower toward the new sys-

tem that was brought on-line just before Spring Break.

Sure the system still has a few minor bugs, but when was the last time mail crashed on you? Have you been able to log on just about every time you have tried recently? The system is indeed better, but have we expressed our thanks to the center?

Despite my praise of the improvement, I am not lacking in the complaint department. There are many computer problems on campus. However, not all of the fault for them lies in the Computer Center. Look towards the campus administration. Because of limited budgets, and the current freeze on adding new positions, the Computer Center has just two people to deal with PC's and two more (one of which has been tied up fixing E-mail) to maintain the network of about 500 machines. Wouldn't it make more sense to allow more staff to be hired? With this in mind, I honestly think the Center is putting forth a good effort toward making improvements. To their defense, they are dealing with

technology in ways that many places have yet to touch. Surprisingly, Mansfield has one of the better networks in the SSHE system.

The staff of the Computer Center gets just as frustrated with computer problems as we do. However, one thing that bothers them is that while they know people have complaints, they rarely hear them! Complaining about a problem will not make it go away unless you complain to the right people. This is where I come in.

As your representative to the Computer Advisory Committee, I am in regular contact with members of the Administration and the Computer Center and am more than willing to address your concerns with them. You may E-mail me (rkreider@wheat.mnsfld.edu) or speak to me personally. My work schedule is posted in the Library Computer Lab. Together we can work things out. In the meantime, take notice of and thank people for the few improvements that do happen at MU.

Rustin Kreider

Letters to the editor policy

The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is not willing to take responsibility for the letter's content. So, why should we?

In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The *Flashlight* reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the *Flashlight* office, 217 Memorial Hall, Monday through Friday, or mailed to the above address.

Commentary policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary you may turn it in to the *Flashlight* office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writer's name, major, class and phone number. Non-students are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week, we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

Commentary

V-Chip the answer to all our prayers



Dave Barry

The V-chip. A helpful tool for concerned parents? A threat to the First Amendment? An excuse for sentences without verbs?

These are some of the questions raised by the recently passed federal law that will require new television sets to contain a little computer thing called a V-chip (the "V" — stands for "some word that begins with 'V' —

I bet I know what your reaction was when you heard about the V-chip. You said: "If the government is going to force TV manufacturers to do something, why not force them to get rid of all those confusing controls and go back to having just two big, easy-to-operate knobs, one for the volume and one for the channel, the way it was on the icebox-sized black-and-white RCA Victor TV that my family had when I was a boy

growing up in the 1950s in Armonk, N.Y., watching Ed Sullivan present accordion-playing bears?"

That was my reaction, too. But the V-chip is not designed to make your television easier to operate. The V-chip is a sincere effort by Congress to enable concerned American — Americans exactly like you, only less intelligent — to imagine that Congress has actually done something about TV violence and smut.

Violence and smut are, of course, everywhere on the airwaves. You cannot turn on your TV without seeing them, although sometimes you have to hunt around. But it's there, all right, even during the daytime — a constant, sleazy stream of near-naked bodies, their taut flesh glistening with sweat as they thrust forward, then back, then forward, again and again, until finally, in an explosive climactic outpouring, they reveal the cost of whatever miracle home exercise contraption they are selling at that particular instant. Naturally, it renders all the OTHER home-exercise contraptions, including whichever one they were selling LAST week, totally obsolete. And, of course, if we buy the new one, we will — with almost no effort! It's fun! — look EXACTLY like the perfect-bodied people in the commercial. They say so themselves!

PERFECT-BODIED MAN: Kandi, how long have you been using the incredible Squeez-Zer Ciser with the revolutionary new Iso-Flex Modular Torsion Units, which look to the un-

trained eye like rubber bands, but are actually scientific?

P E R F E C T - B O D I E D WOMAN: About a week, Brad! Before using the Squeez-Zer Ciser for only three minutes per day, I was so fat that the fire department routinely rescued people from burning buildings by hinging a pump onto my butt!

I'll tell you what: If Congress really wants to help American TV viewers, it should require that every exercise-contraption commercial end with this announcement:

WARNING: The Surgeon General has determined that you will use this contraption maybe twice, after which it will disappear forever under a stack of old TV Guides. Also, no matter WHAT you do, you're basically stuck with your genetically determined body type, as is evidenced by the Surgeon General's commander-in-chief, who has jogged 300 million miles since taking office and still has thighs like Twinkie-filled pontoons.~'

Speaking of President Clinton: He also supports the V-chip, which as some of you may recall, is the topic of this column. Here's how it will work:

1) Every TV program will be rated for both violence and smut, even those Saturday morning programs that consist entirely of men in baseball caps catching bass. So if they merely CATCH the bass, that would get a low rating; but if they were to commit an act of violence with the bass, or for some perverted rea-

son slip the bass inside their wading pants, that would get a higher rating. The ratings will be published, thereby ensuring that ...

2) ... millions of young people will try to tune into the programs containing the most violence and smut, however ...

3) ... the V-chip inside the TV will constantly monitor the incoming signals, and the instant it detects anything obscene, such as a naked breast or Sen. Jesse Helms, it will automatically switch to a channel showing wholesome educational programming, such as a nature documentary about eels, unless of course ...

4) ... it turns out that eels have naked breasts, in which case the V-chip will show commercials for competing long-distance telephone companies until the young people are driven, screaming, from the house.

Clearly, the V-chip is a good idea — such a good idea, in fact, that we in the newspaper industry have voluntarily decided to adopt it. That's right: There's a tiny V chip installed in the page you're reading right now! So if I try to write a smutty phrase such as 'XXXX,' or 'XXXX-XXXX,' or get a load of the XXXX on that XXXX,~' the offensive parts are automatically deleted. The same goes for violence: Whole entire stories on Bosnia will be missing. That's how concerned we are about this XXXX issue.

DC Walter Mears: both parties have stake in health care compromise

by **Walter R. Mears**
associated press

WASHINGTON (AP) — When President Clinton demanded an all-or-nothing overhaul of the American health care system, he got worse than nothing — losing his bill and the midterm election campaign that followed.

Now the rule is patience, the mood is for compromise and there will almost certainly be first-step health care legislation, the incremental kind of change an earlier Clinton had spurned when he called the system in crisis.

The message in all this is that crisis-free coping is more likely to deliver acceptable, broadly supported answers to problems than sweeping, swift change, especially on an issue as sensitive as health coverage.

There is, as Sen. Bob Dole observes while campaigning against Clinton, nothing wrong with compromise.

Indeed, the administration has offered to experiment with Republican proposals the White House opposes, like tax-free medical savings accounts, which Democrats say would only be a boon to the wealthy.

Right now, the aim is to keep such provisions out of the bill due for action this spring, and Republicans apparently are willing to wait in order to enact a bill guaranteeing workers can keep their health insurance when they lose or change jobs, even if they're ailing.

The medical savings account issue is not likely to be bridged: Clinton says that would drain resources needed to provide quality care for all; Dole fa-

vors the proposal.

More to the current — and campaign — point, the tone and tactics of the health care debate now show the way things do get done, despite the divided government.

Clinton was dealing with a Democratic Congress when he declared health care a crisis, said an overhaul was his top priority and threatened to veto anything short of universal health care insurance. What's more, he tied the health care issue to welfare reform and said that would have to come second.

The 1,342-page administration bill, drafted by a task force Hillary Rodham Clinton led, set benefits, guaranteed they would cover everyone and required employers to pay for coverage. Republicans said all that did was prove that Clinton was really a big-government liberal. Democrats were divided. It never came to a vote.

But in a way, the issue did, backfiring on Clinton when Republicans used it to advantage in the 1994 elections that won them congressional control.

Dole's earlier handling of the issue became a point of contention when he still had real rivals for the Republican presidential nomination; he had once accepted the White House contention that health care was in crisis, then later disowned that idea.

He had encouraged, then dropped efforts at a compromise alternative when the Clinton plan was being shaped in 1993. He signed on as a sponsor of a bill to preserve health insurance for people who change jobs, and to insure that people wouldn't lose coverage because of pre-existing ailments, but didn't push it.

That formula, which Dole once

had dropped and Clinton dismissed as an unacceptable Band-Aid, has become this year's consensus answer. Clinton now applauds it as a step that could help 24 million Americans.

Given the anxiety among workers and voters about stability in jobs and the benefits tied to jobs, both political parties have a stake in acting. The bill won't cost the government much and it will show action on a point of uncertainty in a changing job market.

House Republicans still want to add some provisions before a final vote later this week. Their agenda includes tax deductions for costs and insurance for long-term care. Controversy is also likely on proposed limits on medical

malpractice awards.

Were disputed provisions to be added in the House, it would complicate action in the Senate, where there is majority sponsorship for a bill to make health insurance portable between jobs and to prevent insurers from refusing to cover people with pre-existing medical conditions. The Senate is to vote on April 18.

Clinton backs the Senate bill. And despite the added features House Republicans would like, their leaders on this issue want to deliver a law to make health insurance portable.

So both sides have a stake in settling.

College Night Out at the Penn Wells

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Unmentionables

No, I don't want my MTV, thank you.

by Matt Peterson
staff bitter ball

Last weekend I was watching MTV, a channel that I used to be a big fan of when I was in high school, when they began to show their annual spring break coverage. It had now been quite some time since I had actually spread out on my couch and watched some good old music television and I was not impressed.

I had watched many spring break weekends in the past and I was always enraptured by them, but this time what I saw did more than not impress me, it made me furious.

I guess it all stems back to my teenage years as a recluse and fairly quiet kid. I never had much self esteem when I was in high school and I really didn't get out too often. I remember watching the MTV spring break coverages and I remember how lonely and alienated they made me feel. I would watch the kids that the MTV passed as "average college students" and dream of being like them, beautiful and fun loving. You see, it is only now that I am in college that I realize that every year MTV has made sure that just the most beautiful, strongest and cocky people on the beach get on the spring break weekend. These are what I call "Super people." These plastic people never have a bad time, they never get sunburned, they never run out of money, they're extremely popular and they never drink so much they vomit.

Now there are very few people in our world like this (thank God) but MTV every year makes it appear as though they are the majority of today's youth. It is almost like a master race kind of thing where if you are not a young person who looks good, drinks Pepsi, is totally tan or gets laid five times a day, then you are in the minority and are a

loser.

This kind of subliminal message always worked on me as a kid, but now that I am older I realize that I was never in the minority and that I was never a loser because I sat at home during spring break and played Nintendo. However, at the time I did feel like a loser and now that I know otherwise, I'm pissed as all hell at MTV. I'm pissed because of how they made me feel and I'm pissed because they are doing it to another generation of kids.

Spring break programs like the following not only enforce these stereotypes but add more clauses to them every year. This year you may need a pair of Bono sunglasses to be cool. Next year you may need a pair of Bono sunglasses and a ankle tattoo. It probably won't stop until kids start shaving off all their body hair and dying their skin blue.

The first show which angered me was a talk show built around it's beautiful female host. The show called *Get Next to Jenny* starred former playmate of the year Jenny McCarthy and consisted of ten percent actual interviews and ninety percent her shaking her pelvis in the camera. Not very interesting or productive.

Another mindless show, called *Body Doubles*, was basically a beauty pageant. The show featured beautiful women and men and made them match themselves together to qualify for prettiest pair. To qualify for the finals you either had to show the most skin or somehow impress one of the two hosts by acting really slutty or really macho. One host, MTV VJ Simon Rex (a former male model) made lude comments about the women while Idalis, another VJ, commented on the men. An example of a Rex comment: "Even though she is a vegetarian she still likes a foot long wiener." I could include other comments but none were as deep as that one. After awhile

even the beauty of the women couldn't keep me interested and I found myself flipping to a rerun of *Dukes of Hazard*.

Last year MTV had an almost identical show called *Beauty and the Beach* which Spin magazine wrote a rather revealing article about. The reporters of Spin discovered that the people that were competing were not even average college students (like the show billed) but male and female models. Now what the hell kind of message does this send when you make every watcher believe that these beautiful people are just average college students? I guess it just puts another wall up in that gangly teenager's mind who thinks they will never be pretty or popular no matter how hard they try.

The last show I want to feature was called *Spring Break Undercover* and it showcased six college students on spring break; three fraternity guys and three sorority girls. The show did much to cement the stereotypes of both fraternity brothers as drunk, loud, and egotistical and of sorority sisters as air headed, self involved and trampy. I'm not saying I believe in these stereotypes, but the way MTV portrayed these kids, believe me, you only saw them at their worst. The guys were big, athletic, and handsome and were always either drunk or in the process of getting drunk. They had limitless amounts of money. They flirted with women. They had precarious sex. They basically looked like self destructive idiots. I guess the most obnoxious moment occurred at the end of one night when the camera was leaving the guys alone with their drunk young women. As the camera left, one guy (who looked kind of piggish to me) stuck his tongue out and waved a condom above his young ladies head. If I could have somehow jumped into my TV and slapped him around I would of. A golden moment for the sorority sisters, who

Things Best Left Unsaid

"That's ok.
I'm just thinking
of my
creamed
horn!"

were all pretty and damn exciting, happened when they were at a dance club and were drunk and tired. One shot occurred where two of the girls were leaning up against the bar saying how they weren't sure where the third girl, their really drunk friend, was. The blonde said that she thought she might be passed out somewhere and she thought maybe they should go look for her. Hmmm, let's see. They are away from home, in another city. They are drunk. They are at a dance club with a hundred guys they don't know and they think they should go look for their friend?! Jesus, at that point in the night they should be hoping their friend isn't unconscious in the back of some guys van or worse.

I don't know. I guess I don't feel so bad for not saving up the money to go to someplace tropical for spring break. As hard as MTV tries to sell it, their spring break is not my kind of spring break and I'm not going to fill the shadow of what they think college kids should be like.

MEET THE PROVOST CANDIDATES

Candidates for the position of Provost will be on campus
during the first two weeks in April.

OPEN MEETINGS FOR STUDENTS, FACULTY & STAFF

have been scheduled. Department chairpersons, University Senators, Residence Life, APSCUF and AFSCME offices have copies of summaries of the academic and administrative accomplishments. A limited number of copies are available also in President Kelchner's office.

STUDENTS (students, SGA, Student organizations)

Candidates will meet from 4:00 to 5:00 with STUDENTS at the following locations:

April 1	Dr. David Eisler/North Manser Dining Room
April 4	Dr. John Dolphin/North Manser Dining Room
April 9	Dr. Joseph Moore /Grant Science Planetarium
April 11	Dr. Curtis C. Smith/Grant Science Planetarium

FACULTY

Candidates will meet from 9:15 to 10:15 with FACULTY at the following locations:

April 2	Dr. David Eisler/ North Manser Dining Room
April 5	Dr. John Dolphin/ Memorial Hall 204
April 10	Dr. Joseph Moore/ Memorial Hall 204
April 12	Dr. Curtis C. Smith/ Memorial Hall 204

STAFF

Candidates will meet from 10:15 to 11:15 with STAFF at the following locations:

April 2	Dr. David Eisler/ North Manser Dining Room
April 5	Dr. John Dolphin/ Memorial Hall 204
April 10	Dr. Joseph Moore/ Memorial Hall 204
April 12	Dr. Curtis C. Smith/ Memorial Hall 204

Mentionables

Two, two, two film reviews in one: *Birdcage* and *Down Periscope*

by Bryan Murphy
staff critic/ sarcastic guy

This week I am going to do something a little different, I am going to review two movies. The first is *Birdcage*, starring Robin Williams, Nathan Lane, Gene Hackman, and Dianne West. The second is Kelsey Grammar's debut film, *Down Periscope*, also starring Lauren Holly and Rob Schneider.

Birdcage
Starring: Robin Williams
Director: Gary Marshall
1996
Rated R

Thought that there just couldn't be ONE more movie about drag queens after *To Wong Foo, Wigstock* and *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*? WRONG! There just happens to be one more — *Birdcage*. This remake of the 1978 *La Cage Aux Folles* brings a new, somewhat respectable side to drag queening.

Armand (Robin Williams) is a drag queen night club owner in South Beach, Florida. Albert (Nathan Lane) is the

"woman" — the star drag queen of Armand's night club. Gene Hackman plays the right-wing Republican Senator who's daughter is going to get married to Armand's son. The kicker is that Hackman's character is also the founder of the Coalition for Moral Order. Dianne West rounds out the major cast members as Hackman's character's wife — both characters are very respectable "old world" people.

The whole movie involves watching Albert and Armand gear up for the arrival of the In-Laws-to-be. Not that this isn't funny, from the scene where Armand tries to teach Albert to "act like a man" to where Armand's ex-wife comes in a little too late — after Albert has already made Hackman and West believe that she is Armand's wife and mother of Armand's son. (It's a long story and, hey, this is a review not an account of the whole flic!)

There were some real laughs, but it could have been even funnier. Most of the really funny stuff comes at the end, not that there isn't humor in the beginning. The casting was pretty good and Robin Williams and Nathan Lane make very believable homosexuals.



Kelsey Grammer heads a cast of wacky sea-men in the new comedy *Down Periscope*.

And since most of Hackman's characters are very serious anyway, he played his role as well as he could (especially since his character was poorly developed — not the actor's fault). All-in-all, I give this film a mediocre grade, better than average, but not great. I recommend seeing it if you're a fan of any of the major cast members and if you like (or need) a fairly decent laugh.

*I would like to thank Melanie Wansacz for helping me out with this review — Thanks!

Down Periscope
Starring: Kelsey Grammer

Director: David Ward
Fox/ 1996
Rated PG-13

Need a little comedic relief? How about a movie ending with the Village People's song, "In The Navy" (during the credits)? Don't think that is enough to get you to sit through a movie? Well, how about naval comedy about a ragtag crew with an unorthodox commander. Think it's been done to death? Well, I have to agree with you on that one, but regardless, it's funny, yet again.

Kelsey Grammer plays the unorthodox commander, who wants his own command but when he gets it, he isn't happy to say the least. "No offense to the U.S.S. Rosstellum" but he doesn't quite think that he deserves the command of a World War II Diesel Submarine that is, to be totally honest, a rust-bucket. As Rob Schneider, Grammer's Ex-O, put it, "I feel I need a Tetanus shot just looking at it, sir!" However, as it is his last chance to become the commander of his own submarine, Grammer takes on the mission with his crew. Their mission is to penetrate two naval bases on the

east coast of the US, Charleston, South Carolina and Norfolk, Virginia. An impossible feat for a diesel sub against the nuclear subs and super-technology of today.

This movie does take a while to get into things, but when it finally does, it is pretty funny. I can't say that it is the best movie I've ever seen but then I can only say that about one movie (the title of which I'm not going to disclose), for hopefully obvious reasons. They managed to use all the old laugh-getters but also managed to create a few new ones, such as when the radar operator, who can hear VERY well, starts calling whales to fool the nuclear subs over head. I give it on the funny scale a few hearty laughs and couple of giggles. If you have an open mind and don't mind seeing a lot of stuff just spit out in a slightly different context, then by all means see this movie — I did and I liked it! So it isn't like it is THAT bad, in fact, it is a laugh-out-loud funny in more than a couple of points.

Next week's review:
Executive Decision.

Surgeon General gives advice on how to lead safe, happy life

by Josh Cusatis
The caterpillar salad

In an attempt to make our lives more fruitful and pleasurable the Surgeon General released a new list of warn-

ings this week so that we can keep our health in top condition and better work for the good of humanity. What we haven't been told is that these warnings are to prolong our lives and therefore have a longer work life to appease the rich and powerful. The following is a list of these new warnings.

#1. SUNLIGHT CAN CAUSE SKIN CANCER AND OTHER DISEASES RELATED TO THE SKIN. Now the optimum solution to this problem would be for all of us to live inside of one large, singular building for the rest of our fluorescent lives but since this is not possible and far too costly people are advised to wear as much clothing as is necessary to keep the sunlight from reaching your skin. During the summer this might create a problem with heat stroke and similar conditions but if we follow the general rules to prevent heat stroke, this will not be a problem.

#2. QUITTING OPENING YOUR EYES NOW GREATLY REDUCES SERIOUS RISKS TO YOUR VISION. Remember your mother telling you not to sit so close to the TV when you were a kid? Well, she was right. The only thing is she wasn't right enough. Everything can be detrimental to the health of your eyes. This ties into the warning about sunlight being bad for your skin. If it is imperative that you must go outside with your eyes open then all people are advised to wear sunglasses but this is not a fullproof solution. Just by keeping your eyes closed and doing everything by feel can reduce the possibility of a cataract or glaucoma. Imagine being able to keep your eyesight in perfect condition for your entire life. And we thought that the Surgeon General's warnings were stupid.

#3. QUITTING YOUR EDU-

CATION NOW CAN GREATLY REDUCE SERIOUS RISKS TO THE GOVERNMENT. Yes, it's been proven. College graduates and even well educated people are more likely to be upset with our form of government and rebel in ways such as petitioning and rallying. These people, known as political and social activists, are the cancer that threatens the very fabric of our great nation and they must be dealt with in the most extreme ways. If you know a college student then get them some help. There are places to brainwash people throughout the country and they are cleverly hidden in order to keep the national security. If you are a good, blind and brainwashed follower of our government then these brainwashing stations should be no problem for you to discover. Remember the future of our country depends on you.

And now that we have learned that we can trust our Surgeon General and our government, we should rejoice that we live in such a loving, caring and forgiving country. Many people do not have it as good as we do and cannot look to their government to give them the advice that they need. Many governments are satisfied with letting their people lead the lives that they choose and what they do is permissible. We must fight against these governments for they also are the cancer which not only threatens the fabric of our beloved country but the very fabric of the planet and life as we know it. All hail the democracy! Pat Buchanan for president!



Comics & Fun

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The Flashlight

MU baseball opens its season with winning streak

by Darren A. Meehan
sports reporter

The Mighty Mighty Mounties opened their season at home on the Smythe Park diamond and silenced any critics who doubted their potential by continuing their winning streak throughout the past week.

Beginning on Sunday, the bats were swinging fiercely as the Diamond Boys hosted Albany and wowed local fans who attended the game under the blue sky of Spring. The team demonstrated their dominance both in the field and in the batters box from the moment the first pitch was thrown in the first game.

neir excellence was consistent throughout the two games and the team appeared nearly flawless. The errors the team had were corrected by sending their opponents back to the bench with double plays. Once they had cleared Albany from the bases, it was time for the mounties to step up to the plate.

In the midst of endlessly powerful swings, the team appeared confident and unified. By the end of the day, they had earned impressive statistics across the board, finishing with 10-3 and

14-6 scores in the two games. Mansfield Head Coach Harry Hilson was impressed with his team, and is overall pleased with his undefeated team.

"We're playing better and this five game stretch is great, but it is important we keep playing," Hilson said. "We're swinging the bat better and our defense is improving. We just need to concentrate on keeping our guys loose and ready to play."

Although no home runs were recorded, the team hit a few balls farther than 400 feet, which would have cleared the fence at Shaute Park.

On Wednesday, the bats got even hotter as the Boys continued their winning ways against Binghamton with a 22-8 tally. This time, fans from around the area braved winter like conditions to watch the victory. As flawless as the team appeared, Hilson still eyes improvement.

"We really need to work on our fielding and the teamwork involving cutoffs and relays. There are a few things we need to improve with practice, but our pitchers are throwing and our hitters are hitting well."

Among the hitters who are delivering the runs, Scot Wilcox has remained dependable in the line-up and continued Wednesday. His seven RBIs complimented the five for five day he

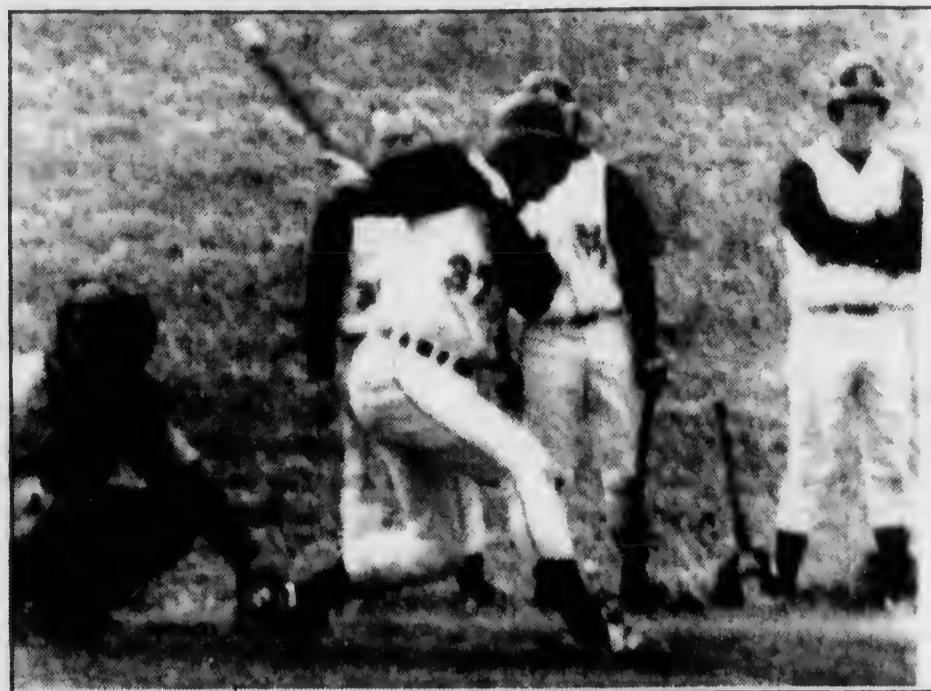


Photo by Sam Cleveland

Mansfield University baseball players look on during the action in the Mounties doubleheader victory Sunday against Albany

had and, along with cushioning his stats, gave the team added momentum. Chris Miller, a junior and right fielder, contributed five hits and undoubtedly made their competitors nervous.

Mike Cacciotti took to the mound for the mounties, and pitched inning after inning of great baseball. Rob Schleicher and Tim Watkins are scheduled to pitch for the mounties during Saturday's game against Kutztown before

the Diamond Boys return to host Lock Haven Sunday.

If you were one of the fans who attended any of this week's games, you saw many great sights. First, the field was full of great plays and players.

Second, the sky was full of screaming baseballs soaring through the air like Lear Jets. In fact, the only thing the fans never saw was the bottom of the ninth inning.

Hibbard can't produce win for Mariners, even with big bucks

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — For \$6.75 million, Greg Hibbard has been able to produce only one win for the Seattle Mariners.

It's not his fault.

"Who knows?" Hibbard said. "There's any guy in this clubhouse who could break down right now. Randy Johnson? He could come here tomorrow and have a broken leg."

When the Mariners open their season in the Kingdome on March 31, the 31-year-old left-hander will be on the disabled list for the third consecutive season.

The chances of Hibbard ever pitching again — for the Mariners, in the major leagues, in the minor leagues, in the beer leagues — are unlikely because of two rotator-cuff surgeries on his left shoulder.

A year ago in spring training,

Hibbard was optimistic after being sidelined in 1994 with a bad shoulder. But, after pitching a four-inning rehabilitation assignment here in June, a dull, throbbing pain told him otherwise.

Medication, rest and a cortisone shot didn't help.

"So they went in and looked at it," Hibbard said. "Sure, enough, the rotator was torn almost off the bone."

His left shoulder capsule was loose.

"When your capsule is loose, everything else is in trouble," he said.

When the Mariners fly to Seattle after their final spring game in Las Vegas, March 29, Hibbard will be with the club.

He was rehabilitating in Birmingham, Ala., last season when the Mariners won the AL West

championship. He wants to feel part of the Mariners this season, probably his last in the majors.

Hibbard never was a 20-game winner before he got hurt, but he did win a career-high 15 for the Chicago Cubs in 1993 before being signed to a three-year contract for \$6.75 million with the Mariners as a free agent Jan. 14, 1994.

The Mariners thought he could help them for three or four years. Instead, he lasted only a half-season. In 14 starts, he was 1-5 with a 6.69 ERA.

His one win for Seattle came in April 1994 in New York.

He didn't want to stop

pitching, but the pain was too much.

"I actually had to go into the manager's office and tell him I couldn't pitch anymore," Hibbard said.

"It's been an unfortunate story for everybody, particularly for Greg," general manager Woody Woodward said. "It's been a rough couple of years."

Hibbard has tried to come back and earn his money.

Like Brian Holman and Teddy Higuera, who tried unsuccessfully to make it back from similar shoulder surgeries, he knows he probably will fail.

The man gave it his best and couldn't do it," Woodward said.

Mountie sporting events:

Baseball

- Saturday at Kutztown at 1 p.m.
- Sunday home against Lock Haven at 1 p.m.
- Thursday at East Stroudsburg at 1 p.m.

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- Saturday at West Chester
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Athletes awarded at winter sports banquet

by Amber Lakits
sports editor

Mansfield University hosted its annual Winter Sports Banquet March 26 in Manser North Dining Hall.

Senior co-captain Tyrone Fisher was named the Most Valuable Player for the 1996 basketball season. Fisher led the team in free throws with a 78.7% average.

He was a four year starter for

the Mounties scoring a season total of 426 points.

Freshman Steve Shannon was named the most improved player also for the 1996 basketball season.

Shannon started in 11 of the Mounties 12 PSAC games, scoring 250 points on the season.

In wrestling, freshman Charlie Tuttle was named most valuable rookie for his performance during the 1995-96 season. Tuttle, 190 lbs., ended his season with a 13-7 record.

Rusty Ginther, 158 lbs., was awarded the most improved player on the season while posting an 11-17 mark for the year.

Also for wrestling, freshman Georg Grap was named most valuable rookie for his performance during the 1995-1996 season. Grap, 142 lbs., captured three wins at the Ithaca Invitational while posting a season record of 17-11.

As of press time, the other awards were not available.



MU wrestler Georg Grap

Pitcher Rapp takes off with baseball's Florida Marlins

MELBOURNE, Fla. (AP) — Maybe Pat Rapp should have left his ailing back the way it was.

The Florida Marlins' right-hander began throwing strikes and winning games after the All-Star break. Then, after he took an elbow from the Dodgers' Roberto Kelly while covering first base, his back began to feel stiff.

And that's when he really took off.

Rapp will start this year on a nine-game winning streak dating to early August, and he finished the season by not giving up a run in his last 24 2-3 innings, the longest streak in the National League last season.

His 11-2 record the second half of the season was matched only by Cy Young Award winner Greg Maddux's 11-1 mark after the break.

"Everything I had been working on

the mechanics, my release — it all came together," Rapp said. "The second half of the season I became a pitcher. I felt what it feels like to be Greg Maddux for a half a season. I could throw any pitch I wanted at any time in the count. Hopefully, I'll find it again this year."

The Marlins have the same hope. Another performance like that will make even more solid a starting rotation that includes Chris Hammond, John Burkett and free agents Kevin Brown and Al Leiter.

"He's not overpowering," manager Rene Lachemann says. "But moving-wise, he has one of the best fastballs in the league."

The only question mark is his back. A month after the season ended, Rapp had back surgery to repair a herniated disk. Without surgery, doctors told him he had a 5 percent chance to making it through spring training.

Although he was walking the night after surgery, Rapp limits himself to only short distances when he runs. The rest of his conditioning comes from the stationary bike or the treadmill.

His teammates tease him that the injured back was the best thing to happen to him. Even Rapp gets in on the humor.

"If that helped ease things along ..." he says as a Cajun smile curls up on his lips.

Rapp knows as well as anyone else that his streak comes down to throwing strikes and confidence. Although he was second in the NL with 4.09 walks per nine innings, the number of walks sharply dropped the second half of the year.

"That's the key with him," Hammond said. "He started throwing first-pitch strikes. I don't know a pitcher in baseball who has success working behind the count. And once you win two or three, you get a feel for what wins games."

Throwing more first-pitch strikes also gave Rapp more confidence in his breaking pitch and change-up.

"That caused him to get the confidence that he belongs," pitching coach Larry Rothschild said. "He was throwing 100 to 110 pitches in some games. Before that, he was at those numbers in the fifth or sixth inning."

The back injury did nothing to slow him during last season, although it was a concern. Once he warmed up, it was fine. But 30 minutes after a game, the pain got worse. Rapp assumed he had a pulled muscle. However, when he began to feel pain in his side and numbness in his toes, he knew it was more serious.

Back surgery behind him, Rapp is anxious to pick up where he left off. With his second half as evidence, he believes a 20-win season is a reasonable goal, as long as he stays healthy.

"I had been getting by as a fastball thrower. I finally started pitching," he said. "It showed me that maybe I have a brighter future than I thought."

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Defensive end Smith signs with Atlanta Falcons

SUWANEE, Ga. (AP) — Defensive end Chuck Smith, who had a career-high 73 tackles last season while starting 14 games, has agreed to a new four-year contract, the Atlanta Falcons announced Tuesday.

Smith, 26, was a second-round pick by the Falcons from

Tennessee in 1992.

The 6-2, 260-pounder had 5 1/2 quarterback sacks, four forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries last season.

The unrestricted free agent is the fifth player in free agency to re-sign with the Falcons for next season.

Meet The Team

by: Amber Lakits
sports editor

Name: Lisa McCabe

Year: freshman

Position: first base

Hometown: Portage

High School: Portage



MU softball

Sports Views**Mountaineer Outdoors**

by Alan Houck
sports reporter

The Pennsylvania beaver season has officially closed until the final tagging of all specimens. The PGC needs 70% harvest rate to be met for their accomplishment of controlling the species.

A catch less than 70% may result in an extension of even a longer period of time. I can only hope that the season is extended because I do need to find something that will consume my free time.

Although I do have important matters that need to be attended to and given special attention, I also need to get away from the social atmosphere.

My season ended in capturing five beavers in four days with two being blanket beavers weighing in at over 50+ pounds.

My final day of setting traps was last Friday. I meandered down into

my new hotspot and immediately went to my first set. Within the water under the submerged log lay a small beaver clamped among the two jaws of the #330 body gripping trap.

Somewhat disappointed and being spoiled by the slammer two days before, I felt defeated because I wanted the big one.

Needless to say though the young beaver was removed from the trap and put into the pack basket along with the trap and foo-foo juice.

The day before I made a new set in the opposite side and direction of the fore mentioned set. My faith was not really high with the set, but my hopes ran wild as I crossed the water-logged marsh.

My skinny partner for the day followed me best he could in his not water-proofed boots occasionally stumbling behind me. I rounded the corner to see that the set was not the way that I had left it.

The logs and sticks that I used

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were scattered within the pond. The more I looked at the water I noticed a mound of an off brown color. I acknowledged that I had got one, but did not realize the size. From experience I knew that if it floats with a 3-30 then it has some size.

When I perched myself on the mound of dirt splitting the channels it was then that I realized the true size of the beaver. The three inch long orange teeth and ridged tail were just the visible signs.

Climbing into the water I gripped the trap and proceeded to slide it on the bank. It took two hands and that inspirational ummmppphhh to get it out of the water and onto the bank where I could retrieve my prize.

The walk that only takes fifteen minutes to do, tripled itself on the way out. I thought what a way to end the season and start off the weekend. The hard part was ahead of me in skinning all my catches and fleshing the hides.

After skinning all of them I proceeded to try something that I never had tried and that was to taste the meat of a beaver.

I cooked over a slow heat and complimented a few pieces with butter. I was pleasantly surprised by the taste. It reminded me of a chewy roast beef that was fat free.

Needless to say that one season is over and another is just about to begin in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Looking back: a Phillies baseball memory

by Jason Bricker
asst. sports editor

The boys of summer are going to be flying north soon, and that means the start of the major league baseball season.

I can remember back to a time, not too long ago, 1980 to be exact, when I visited Veterans Stadium for the first time.

I was eight years old and the Philadelphia Phillies were fighting the Montreal Expos for the National League East Championship. I still have the ticket to that game.

When I entered the ballpark it was not quite dark yet, but the stadium lights were already turned on. There were a few faint vapor trails in the sky above the stadium, left by jets that had taken off from the Philadelphia Interna-

tional Airport.

My childhood idol, Mike Schmidt, was playing third base. He seemed larger than life when I spotted him in my grandfather's binoculars.

At that moment in time I dedicated my life to play baseball for the Phillies when I grew up.

Well I never got the chance to play for the Phillies, this is something I've come to accept. I've changed a lot since the first time I went to a Phillies game, and so has baseball.

I still love the game, although I didn't go to see any baseball games last year; the first time I haven't seen a game since I was eight.

I followed the season on ESPN, and in the sports pages, but I couldn't bring myself to visit a ballpark; mostly because I felt cheated. (the strike)

The game has changed. Two extra play-off spots have been added. I feel this takes away from the importance of a pennant race, one of sports most exciting phenomena.

They might as well do what hockey does; play the whole regular season to eliminate less than half of the teams.

Now they want to introduce inter-league play next year.

I'm a National League fan, so no matter who was playing in the World Series I would pull for the National League.

It was like playing another country, the American League was the enemy. Now we've lost that, along with the pennant race.

Finally, there still isn't a labor agreement between the players and the owners.

Theoretically the players could walk off the field at any time, although that is unlikely.

Some people may say that change is good. To survive you must adapt.

But I say, "if it ain't broke don't fix it." I want my old baseball back.

Flashlight Athlete of the Week

Dean Kroesen



Dean Kroesen has been named *Flashlight* Athlete of the Week. Kroesen had three hits in Wednesday's Mountie baseball victory.

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Program provides advocates for victims of abuse

by Kate A. Griffith
Flashlight editor

One out of four college women are victims of attempted sexual assault or sexual assault every year. That's why, in 1993, Mansfield University found it necessary to establish a victim's advocacy program.

Michelle Habovick came to MU in September 1993 to head the advocacy program. Habovick is a licensed attorney in Pa and Va. She worked for the Pittsburgh police for six years as an assistant prosecuting attorney specializing in sexual assault and child sexual assault and neglect cases.

When she first came to MU, Habovick worked with Dr. Andrew Longoria of the mass communication and theater department and advisor of the University Players to put together a date rape presentation. Over 200 students attended the program that was presented by the University Players in every dorm on campus.

"Several victims came forward at those presentations," Habovick said.

In the spring semester of 1994, Habovick held the first training session for student advocates and she has been holding training sessions ever since. This semester there are 41 active advocates, five of whom are males.

"The male advocates we have are very sensitive," Habovick said.

The student advocates are available 24 hours a day to take phone calls. Habovick assigns each advocate a day to be on duty. While on duty, the advocates must stay near their phones so they can be reached.

Habovick then creates a calendar which lists the advocate's first name and phone number for the day he or she is on duty. These calendars are bright pink (the signature color of the program) and are hung in most of the women's restrooms on campus and outside of the Advocacy Program's office, Room 116, Pinecrest Manor. They are also available through the resident assistants and campus police.

"I've wanted to change the calendar to not just be a calendar," Habovick said. "The victims can call any of the advocates. The calendar just ensures that someone will be there if you need help."

When a victim calls an advocate, the advocate's first responsibility is to help the victim realize that what happened is not his or her fault,



Photo by Liz Barrett

Michelle Habovick, coordinator of the Advocacy Program, and MU sophomore Tessa Pestera discuss organizational matters involved in the organization.

Habovick said. The advocate then tells the victim what his or her options are.

There are several options advocates can relay to victims of sexual assault, attempted sexual assault or sexual harassment.

• Suggest medical attention. Transportation to Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital will be provided if the victim needs medical attention.

• Suggest a rape kit if the rape occurred recently. The rape kit helps to preserve evidence. All physical evidence is crucial. The victim should not wash, use the bathroom, brush his or her teeth, drink or eat anything or change clothes if it can be avoided. If the victim has changed clothes, he or she should put all clothing worn during the assault into a paper bag.

• Refer victim to Habovick, campus ministry and/or the counseling center.

• Contact campus police if the victim is interested in criminal prosecution.

• Consider university judicial proceedings. Assailants could be subject to sanctions including, but not limited to, dismissal.

• Suggest sexually transmitted disease and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome testing. Non-emergency treatment is provided at the Maple health clinic. These services are also offered at Laurel Health Center in Mansfield and at the State Department of Health in Wellsboro.

• Suggest the victim talk with a friend or someone he or she trusts.

• Tell the victim that he or she doesn't have to do anything right now if he or she is not ready to. If the victim

just wants to talk the incident over with the advocate, that's fine.

• If the victim does want to go to the police or get medical attention, he or she does not have to go alone.

"The student advocates or I will go with the victim if (he or she) needs medical help or decides to take action against the assailant," Habovick said. "We follow the investigation through to the very end."

According to Habovick, she and the advocates are there to offer non-judgmental support and referrals.

"We're not here to act as counselors," Habovick said. "We just need to make the victim aware that what happened is not (his or her) fault and make (him or her) aware of the alternatives."

36 victims and partners of victims have been in to talk to Habovick about sexual assault, dating violence and sexual harassment this academic year.

"Partners of victims of abuse feel at a loss for what they can do for the victim," Habovick said.

Tessa Pestera, an MU sophomore, has been an advocate since she came to MU. She got involved with the program because she realized that victims of sexual assault and dating violence need someone to talk to.

"It's a rude awakening to talk to a victim," Pestera said. "It really slapped me in the face to realize that rapes do happen on this campus."

According to Habovick, victims find talking to someone about their experience difficult.

"Victims typically don't come forward," Habovick said. "They either think that it's their fault they've been raped or they can't admit they've been

assaulted because they know the assailant."

Habovick also said that the victims should not feel guilty for not recognizing that their assailants were rapists.

"You can't tell by looking at somebody if they're a potential rapist," she said.

The students involved in the advocacy program are working on becoming a student organization. Habovick has been working with Pestera, the group's president, to create a constitution for the organization. Once the constitution is in place, Pestera and Habovick will present it to Joseph Maresco, vice president of student affairs. After receiving Maresco's approval, they will then have to take their proposal to the Student Government Association.

According to Pestera, they hope that more students will want to be involved in the program if it becomes an organization.

"We have a lot of people who would be interested in doing public relations and supporting, but they don't want to take calls," Pestera said.

Habovick thinks that there would be a number of benefits in turning the advocacy program into a student organization.

"Becoming a student organization would give the advocates a sense of power and unity," she said. "They need to form closer ties amongst themselves and support each other."

Pestera also hopes that by becoming a student organization, more faculty, staff, fraternities, sororities and athletes will recognize what the organization is doing and understand that it is meant to help victims of abuse.

"We want to be a friend for the victim," Pestera said.

The advocates are trying to get other organizations involved in their seminars and in handing out pamphlets.

"They would be getting credit for community service and they would also be getting an education."

Habovick provides several other services through the advocacy office including training for RA's, presenting at new student orientation, and lending books and videos for papers students may have for classes.

"The advocacy office is a resource not just for victims, but also for classes and people writing papers," Habovick said.

Calendar

Friday, March 29

1-4pm Free pool at the Rec Desk in Memorial Hall
6-8pm Mysterious Eskimo Show on WNTE
10pm Zanzibar at the HUT

Saturday, March 30

1pm Baseball away at Kutztown
1pm Softball away at West Chester
1pm Track & Field away at Susquehanna University
3pm Michael Devine Senior Trombone Recital in Steadman Theater
8pm Kenneth McMullen Senior Piano

Recital in Steadman Theater

10pm Zanzibar at the HUT

Sunday, March 31

1pm Baseball at home with Lock Haven
3pm Laura Buck Senior Voice Recital in Steadman Theater
8pm Zanzibar at the HUT

Monday, April 1

2:30pm Softball at home with Kutztown
4pm Flashlight meeting, 217 Memorial

Hall

9pm Student Government Meeting, Memorial Hall

Tuesday, April 2

1pm Ebony Discussion Hour in the MLK Center, Memorial Hall
1pm Baseball at home with Shippensburg

9pm MAC meeting in lower Memorial Hall
Sigma movie night at The HUT

Wednesday, April 3

11-1pm Free popcorn at the Rec Desk in Memorial Hall
2:30pm Softball away at Shippensburg

8pm TV Club tapes "Closet Talk" at Allen Hall
9pm MAC Coffeehouse at the HUT

Thursday, April 4

1pm International Discussion Hour in the MLK Center, Memorial Hall
1pm Baseball away at East Stroudsburg
9pm Zanzibar at the HUT

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MU President goes Hollywood

Belchner chosen to portray caped crusader in new Batman movie

by Buck Nekkid
staff boy wonder

Hollywood, CA: Warnout Brothers Pictures announced today their choice to play the Caped Crusader in BATMAN IV: The Quest for More Money; Mansfield's own Rod Belchner! This choice comes as a surprise considering that, at last report, ER's George Clooney was reported to have snagged the role.

"When we saw Rod's screen test we thought 'My God, this man IS Batman!' said director Joel Shoemaker.

"I was surprised that they chose me," Belchner said. "I was actually doing it as a joke. I was hoping that they'd let me take the tape home with me; Joan really loves me in spandex."

"I never dreamed that Roddy would actually get the part of Batman," Joan Belchner said. "Commissioner Gor-

don, sure, Alfred, most definitely, but Batman?"

Costumers reportedly had a great time fitting Belchner for the Batsuit.

"It was so easy," one was quoted as saying. "With all of the other guys we had to create fake muscles out of foam rubber but not with Rod. His body is in such peak condition that all we had to do was find tight fitting material and slap it on him. His nipples even show."

Belchner, always the professional, mentioned to the producers that another Mansfield faculty member would be perfect to portray the film's villain.

"I told them that Leron Vapps would make a great Egg Head, but they wanted someone more famous," Belchner said.

"No F'in big deal," Vapps said when asked about the turndown. "I'm

still the voice of God in those audio Bible books."

Does this mean that Rod Belchner's days as beloved president of Mansfield are over? Not according to the man himself.

"Leave Mansfield? Heck no... This place is like my own little Latin American country and I'm the dictator," Belchner said.

Movies are still on the mind of Belchner who said, "I don't think I'd like to make my living doing this, but I sure would like to be in the next Jackie Chan movie so I can show the world all of my knowledge of the martial arts."

The new Batman movie is scheduled to make its screen debut in the summer of 1997. All you devoted Mansfieldians be sure to catch our beloved Belchner as its star and heartthrob Batman/ Bruised Wain. And if you see the Bat signal over Mansfield do not fear it is just Rod going to work.



Mansfield President, Rod Belchner, has been working out full time to beef himself up for his big role as the caped crusader. "I'm ripped and ready to kick some tail," Belchner said.

Mansfield plagued by weird environmental disaster

by Minnie Raal
staff vitamin

Mansfield town and campus was put in a state of emergency yesterday because of a mysterious growing environmental problem in the area.

"It's the damnedest thing, it seems that all the lead in town is dripping with water," Ron Rammer, Mansfield mayor said. "We used to have a problem with lead in the water but now every time I use my pencil my paper gets soaked."

This strange phenomenon is being studied by a staff of environmental researchers from the Governmental Oddities Department.

"We don't have a clue why this happening," Ray Diologist, GOD spokesman said. "But then again we were told this was Mansfield, a town where everything is backwards."

A department which has been seriously affected by this new disaster is the MU campus police.

"Because our bullets are made of lead and full of water, we can't shoot anyone anymore," said Cape Collar, university director of police and dangerous stuff. "Last night we had an officer who needed to 'take down' a fleeing shoplifter at the Mucky Den. Unfortunately they couldn't do it because getting hit by the bullets was like getting hit with a super soaker."

Once rumors spread around about how the cops were "shooting blanks" (in more than one way), a crime spree ensued.

"Those student sons of bitches stole my car," MU President Rod Belchner said. "They must of been sniffing glue to think they could get away with this."

Belchner then ripped off his shirt to reveal a nifty Batman undero

track with a Bells anthology cartridge." The student proceeded to remove the cartridge and after hiding the machine, replaced it with a Bee Gees greatest hits 8 track.

"This really sucks," Phil Inn, seventh semester junior, said. "Every hour on the hour the sounds of Shadow Dancing go out over the campus. I'm thinking of transferring."



The grand opening celebration of North Hall was cut short this week when Vice President of Affairs with Students, Joseph Molesto, carelessly tossed a lit "bud" and set a banner on fire. Subsequently the building burned to the ground. "What a bummer," President Rod Belchner said. "I guess we'll have to try to restore the Art Haus now for something to do."

EDITOR'S NOTE

This is a disclaimer. Basically, we're writing this to protect the Flashlight's ass from being sued for libel. The first two and last two pages of this issue are the 5th annual April Fool's Day edition of the Flashlight called the *Trashlight*. For best results, remove the cover/backpage of this edition. Inside you will find an actual edition of the Flashlight chock full of news, sports, features and general rambling.

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If you have any comments about the *Trashlight*, we would love to hear them. Drop them off at 217 Memorial Hall. If you truly have taken offense, maybe you should join the *Flashlight* and make some changes. If not, quit whining. It will only prove to everyone that you have a sense of humor. Enjoy!

-Sparky Peterson
-Gene "Gene" Yager
Trashlight editors

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- Cafeteria to be replaced by Red Lobster and Olive Garden
- Mansfield voted most exciting town in the United States
- Maintenance department declares graffiti on *Flashlight* office walls to be good example of freedom of expression.
- *Flashlight* pleases all the people all the time

MU student radio goes Country to get upgrade

by *Toilet Lips*
staff piggy 101

Mansfield University's campus radio station, WSEX, has officially been awarded funds from College Colon Services Inc. (CCSI) for the upgrade they have been requesting all year long.

According to Bed Steadman, general manager of the station, the station has increased its wattage from 115 to 90,500 watts. He said the upgrade was granted because WSEX had switched its format from alternative to country all day, everyday.

"I can't friggin' believe that we finally got the money for the upgrade," Steadman said. "When we went to CCSI, requesting the money while we were an alternative radio station, they told us to go to hell. Now that we switched, it's like they practically threw the cash at us!"

Prissy Clavis, advisor of the

radio station, said that switching the station's format was the best thing it could have ever done.

"All year long I pressed for the station to switch to country," Clavis said. "It's about time that they chose to play 'Achy Breaky Heart' as opposed to that Snoopy Dogg Dogg crap. Besides we are only allowed to play three craps per hour."

According to Jeffrey Warm, assistant general manager, now that the station has been granted the upgrade, they will now be heard all the way from Mansfield to Bang Her, Maine.

"I just feel so merry that my mommy and daddy will be able to hear me now," Warm said. "Now I can send love songs out to them while they are trying to make me a baby brother. Now leave me alone so I can dance naked to Barf Books in the control room!"

According to Cryin' Brian, program director, for years the station has had lofty aspirations of following



When country singing legend Johnny Cash was asked by WSEX if he would return to come to Mansfield play, he responded negatively.

in country station, KC Masterpiece - 101's footsteps.

"Ever since I've worked at the station, my dream was to be just like KC and play country all day long," Brian said. "Now that we do, I'm so happy I could just poop!"

In order to celebrate the upgrade, the board members of the station decided to put on a concert for the campus community. Their first

choice was Barf Books, but seeing as they couldn't get him, they decided to ask country legend Johnny Cash if he would like to come back and do another show. However, he responded in a negative manner.

"I'm so pissed off at him (Cash)," Steadman said. "Mansfield is a great school to perform at and if he doesn't want to come, then he can go take a warm sh*t in the frosty snow!"

Smythe Park goes underwater; students go boating

by *Herbie Rockbottom*
staff rowboat

The Pennsylvania Department of Lakes, Ponds, and Stuff has declared Smythe Park the newest pond in the state.

"I just wish it had more water in it," said Mansfield mayor Ron Rammer. "We have this real problem."

The park was officially declared a navigable pond following the storms in late January.

"It's not really navigable," said one Mansfield University student who wishes to remain anonymous for legal reasons. "We kept hitting sand bars out there."

Another student replied, "Your head's a sand bar."

Soon after Smythe Park earned

the title of pond, however, the title was taken away because all of the water drained.

"I don't bloody understand it," said Rear Admiral Riki Lake, chair-human of PDLPS. "Ponds don't just go away."

According to L.L. Kool Gene, head of nothing in particular, the problem was with a faulty sewer drain.

"The thing actually worked this time," Gene said. "This is Mansfield, nothing is supposed to work because all of the equipment is ancient as hell." Gene added that the PDLPS expected the drains to stay clogged until at least the year 2031.

Lake said if the pond had stayed, the PDLPS had plans to build drainage and have it declared a lake and stock it with trout and flounder. But the lake would have been posted no fishing.

"I know whenever I go fishing,

I sit on a cooler full of Black and Tan," Rammer said. "We don't need no stinkin' college kids getting all liquored up and throwing sharp objects like hooks and lures at each other."

The Mansfield Chamber of Communists took up a collection of \$7.39 to have the pond named in honor of former student Puneet Gaga. According to town officials who couldn't pronounce their own names, most of the money was donated by the Association of Memorial Hall Artists.

According to AMHA presi-

dent, Sprinkles Tittersmitters, the committee wanted to name the park after Gaga because he shares a common bond with the lake.

"Both the lake and the man have disappeared," Tittersmitters screamed with elation. "Donde esta Puneet? Donde esta Puneet?"

The Chamber of Communists has decided instead to donate the money to charity. However, Rammer was confused by the decision.

"Who is Charity?" Rammer asked.

Pink Floyd to play at MU

by *Ben A. Wall*
staff paranoid delusion

The biggest band ever to perform at Mansfield will have to deal with the Hut on February 30.

According to Committee Regarding Asinine Concerts chair Cindy Lou Albano, Pink Floyd will be bringing their legendary show to Mansfield.

"I really wanted to do bong hits during Comfortably Numb," said MU President Rod Belchner. "But the cops busted my connections. They should be more interested in finding out who stole my car."

Albano said that due to scheduling conflicts, the concert will be held in the Hut because the athletics department is unwilling to give up their facilities for the show.

"We tried to get the Gym but the ping pong team needs to practice and SGA needs the football field to hold a monster banquet for FCA," Albano said.

MU athletics director Roger Manser said that ping pong practice cannot be canceled.

"The team is practicing for the Northern Tioga Intercollegiate Table Tennis Conference playoffs," Manser said.

The team is the only one in the conference. Last year they managed to place fourth.

CRAC has another problem. They cannot get people to work the concert. According to WSEX General Man-

ager Bed Steadman the radio station will not help out at the concert because of the station's format.

"Even though a former bored member thinks that Floyd is country, they are not. We will only work Barf Books concerts from now on," Steadman said as he began moshing to The Devil Went Back To Georgia.

CRAC is spending \$100,000 to bring Pink Floyd to campus. Due to the cost, Albano said that there will not be enough money in the budget to bring anymore religious speakers for about seven years.

Albano said that the Hut should work well for the band.

"We were going to put that band Notes to Leo there," Albano said, "but they backed out at the last minute after they realized that Mansfield is a town and not a strip bar."

Floyd lead singer David Gilmour has mixed feelings about playing the Hut.

"CRAC told us there would be room for ten thousand people," Gilmour said. "But if we don't have room for the fifty foot pigs, I'm going to move in with Syd Barrett."

Barrett is rumored to live a mole-like existence in a basement in Cambridge.

Students seem enthusiastic about the concert.

"Hey, I know that band," said Eva Bin Nude a fourth semester freshman. "Didn't they sing that song about pina coladas?"

TRASHLIGHT

Sparky "I get spooky at slumber parties" Peterson

Gene "I got a free cheeseburger in my pocket!" Yager

Josh "You're doing it all by feel" Cusatis

Chris "I'm sorry I don't automatically pop up for you" McGann

Nancy "I'll crap in front of the pope if I have to" Corbo

Mike "You know what they say about guys with thick necks" Wood

Terry "They didn't tell me anything about this" Miller

adviser

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Mansfield Professor with deep voice gets record deal

by Muddy Lakes
staff whiskey swiller

Dr. Leron Vapps received a three album contract from S&M Records last Wednesday after record executives from the major label company heard a home recording of the professor singing the blues.

The recording, which was made as a joke for Mrs. Vapps, accidentally fell into the record company's hands when a long time friend of Vapps, James Hurl Jones, stole a copy of the tape from the Vapps household.

"When I heard the tape I thought that Lern might actually have talent and it seems that the executives at S&M are real hard-core gamblers," Jones said.

"He's an a**hole and I want my tape back," Vapps said. "I'm keeping the contract, though because they're giving me a quarter of a million dollars for the advance and my wife loves my voice. She says it makes her feel like a woman."

The first album, which is slated to be released in the summer of '97, is still in the preliminary stages.

"I haven't even been in the studio yet because everyone is jerking me around," Vapps said.

"He wanted big name people like Eric Crapton and B.B. Queen to be in his backup band," an S&M executive said. "Yeah, right. Maybe if we thought we'd make some money on this no-talent idiot."

"I had to go to my second round picks," Vapps said. "As if anyone ever wanted to play with Nick Sippoliti, Perry Nostrello, Aimee Lancaster, and Andy Seltzer. This album is going to suck. Now I know why the Sex Pistols did what they did."

"I knew this album was going to suck the minute I heard about it," Nostrello said. "The only cool thing about his music is that he cusses a lot."

"I can't convey what I'm thinking in a real way without saying f*ck, s#!t or p\$#s," Vapps said.

A tentative list of songs for the album has been developed and includes such titles as "Monaxidil Blues,"



MU professor Leron Vapps has "doo wopped" his way into a record deal.

"Twenty Page Paper," "The Voice of God," "I'm Going to Kill You," "Story Telling Festival," "Booty Call," and "I'm Drunk, I'm Nobody." The album is also slated to be titled "Communication: The Vapps Way."

Vapps is not planning on returning to Mansfield University in the fall of '96.

"I'm going to make my living through music like a true artist," Vapps said. "Besides, I can't stand these moronic, college kids who think they know everything anymore."

Vapps said that he has no influences whatsoever as far as listening to other musicians.

"I don't even listen to any music at all," Vapps said. "I think that if I listen to someone else I won't be able to sound like myself but I do listen to the Bay City Rollers. I think they shake booty."

Vapps would not say what instrument he plays because of fear that it might get out that he can't play and lose his contract.

There was concern that Vapps might be persecuted after the album is released due to the fact that he is a communist however, he is not a heroin addict or an alcoholic.

Police Beatings that you will love

Friday, March 22

00:00 Report of sober student in front of Cedarcrest. Escorted to bar.
24:00 Vehicle decal found.

Saturday, March 23

16:56 Report of student exploding in Maple B hallway. Missing leg, missing eye. Maintenance cleaned up blood and body parts.

12:34 Police vehicle destroyed in car bombing.

Sunday, March 24

54:18 Nothing happened. All day.

Monday, March 25

12:72 Report of large fight in Flashlight office. Mansfield Police Department assisted. Weapons involved. Four dead, nine arrested.

34:73 Report of student not being harassed by former boyfriend by

communications.

54:00 Drive-by shooting at Rod Belchner's house. President retaliated with grenades and napalm. Attackers are presumed to be Kurdish revolutionists.

Tuesday, March 26

99:99 IRA bombs Memorial in attempt to sway British involvement in MAC.

75:86 Report of panty raid. Communication department professors consumed illegal substances and ransacked Laurel.

69:69 Names changed to protect the innocent.

Wednesday, March 27

96:96 Names were not changed to protect the convicted.

77:70 WNTE accused of sending subliminal messages over Campus Ad. Network. No arrests due to laziness.

Philosophy professor comes from future, campus rejoices

by Spleen Jagger
2:00 AM editor

Dr. Stepen Biknam, philosophy crazy about campus was found early Tuesday morning, clinging to a tree in the middle of south hall, screaming that he must return from whence he came.

"I come from the future!" Biknam screamed, legs and arms wrapped around tree.

Apparently attempting to metamorphize, Biknam was discovered by Tim Johnson, of student activities fame.

"He kept saying that he was a caterpillar, and that he had to become a butterfly to return to the future" Johnson bellowed.

"It is true, I am a caterpillar, respect me for that!" Biknam said, as he grabbed a nearby roll of toilet paper and began to wrap himself in it.

"In order to return to the future, I must become change into a flying bug" Biknam said, as he continued to spin his cocoon.

Students of Biknam have been worried about his ramblings for quite some time now.

"He was always talking funny talk, but nobody took him serious like" Joe Hick, student in Biknam's 101 philosophy course said.

When asked to comment on the incident, Kenwatta Jogston, SGA president said, "Hey man, I'm cold and depressed."

Other comments on the incident included the following-

Robert Bimko, fellow philosophy crazy about campus-

-. "He comes from the future, I come from a different country, he is a caterpillar, and I'm condescending, get away from me"

Cindy Lou Albano, semi-professional wrestler-

-. "Rollins is not a lecture you imbecile!"

Mike Woody, eccentric artist about campus-

-. "If the man wants to be a caterpillar, let him be a caterpillar, and leave him the hell alone. At least he is not claiming to be a Christian." At this point, Woody laughed himself silly, fell off of his chair, and gasping for air, screamed- "Pedro, I love you, that night in Tijuana meant everything!"



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MU: The Year in pictures

It's been an exciting year for the faculty and students of Mansfield University. There have been a lot of memorable moments and the crackerjack photo team of the *Trashlight* has been there to capture them all. Take a look and see what your peers are doing and if you bump into these people on campus, tell them you saw them in the *Trashlight*.



Early this year the Tattoo II establishment downtown began a controversial ad campaign starring some of campuses most notorious individuals. The men showed off their tattoos, and their bodies, to help keep the business going. Pictured from left to right are Dr. Walter Freshmaker, Peter Glade (who came back from Missouri for the spot), MU President Rod Belchner and SGA president Kenwatta Joggston.



Huge Schintzeus, MU recreational director, realized a life long dream this semester when he not only qualified for the Miss Pennsylvania contest, but placed first. "It was a great feeling," Schintzeus said. "My mission on this planet has been completed."



Clarence Crispy, Director of Active Students has entered the fashion industry in a big way, with his summer line of clothing.



Tommy Jonson and Barbary Mordan pose for a photo behind their desks at the Sometimes Always Or maybe (SAO) office in Memorial. When asked why they dress for work the way that they do, Jonson said "I need to show off my new dresses somewhere." Mordan concurred "Absolutely, I bought this umbrella the other day." Mordan and Jonson travel the country with Clarence Crispy, who is very much involved in the fashion industry. "I learned in the marines that nothing can substitute a nice vest" Crispy said, "Jonson fills a dress better than any woman I know."



In a cost cutting measure, Vice President of Affairs with Students Joseph Molesto has begun to wash dishes at Manser. "I do a good job, and my hands have never felt softer" Molesto said.

Adkins, Smith vie for SGA presidency

Student body to elect president, vice president and senators for next year's term

by Matt Peterson
managing editor

On April 17 and 18 students will get the chance to vote for next year's officers and representatives of the Student Government Association. Students will be offered a choice of two presidential, three vice presidential and 16 senatorial candidates.

All of the presidential and vice presidential candidates are current SGA members and have been active with the organization, said Erin Sember, current SGA vice president.

"All the candidates (for president and vice president) have put a lot into SGA," Sember said.

Both Sember and Kenyatta Johnson, current SGA president, are graduating this semester, leaving their positions open for new candidates.

"I think it is a very important election," Johnson said. "We need a



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president willing to speak up for the students."

Vying for the position of SGA president are current SGA Treasurer Jonathan Adkins and Mark Smith, who has been SGA house speaker/historian for the past two years.

Adkins, a junior broadcasting major, is running for SGA president for the third time. His platform is that SGA

needs more solid leadership and a closer relationship with the student body.

"SGA has really gone down hill this semester," Adkins said. "The stu-

Correction

In last issue's story concerning the alleged assault of MU sophomore John Lipsey, the *Flashlight* incorrectly reported the location of the alleged incident. According to witness Jim O'Shay, the alleged assault happened in the basement of the local Phi Kappa Theta fraternity house and not outside the house as reported.

dents have an opportunity to have a large say in what the university does, but they have to get involved."

Smith, a junior English education major, also feels that student government needs to interact more with students in order to make them aware of what is going on campus.

"I feel we need more communication between SGA and the student body," Smith said. "If it comes down to just getting the word out among students about what SGA is doing, then it is a step in the right direction."

Smith supports holding more SGA meetings and informing resident assistants about what SGA is doing. Then they can share their knowledge

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Child day care on campus appears to be a long way off

Petition started in February collects hundreds of signatures from students and employees

by Daniel Mendonça
Flashlight editor

With 796 signatures on February's petition supporting the installation of a child day care on Mansfield University's campus, the petition, sponsored by various organizers, was presented Thursday to Mansfield University's President, Rodney Kelchner.

According to Lynn Pifer, assistant professor of English and co-director for the women's studies program, the former committee which attempted to accomplish something similar four years ago has been reestablished and represents a very positive sign.

"Many people wrote in the petition margins, things such as 'yes, I have three kids,'" Pifer said. "I think we got a really good response from students and faculty."

The administration seems a lot more receptive and have more ideas on how to make child day care work on this campus, Pifer explained, after petition distribution and news coverage at the *Flashlight*.

The next step will be to collect enough funds to make this idea become reality, Pifer said. The Mansfield Employees Dedicated to the Advancement of Learning, a payroll deduction fund for any MU employee will be one of the targets. An informal word of mouth is being spread in order to get employees to help funding for child day care. Concerned employees should contact the human resources office at MU.

However, a writing campaign would definitely be more appropriate

to this cause, Pifer said. Budget restrictions make it difficult because sending letters to all faculty and staff would cost money.

Andrea Harris, assistant professor of English and co-director of the women's studies program at MU, said that she has approached William Yost, vice-president of administration and finance, in order to talk about the availability of space after North Hall is open.

As Yost explained, a new facility would have to be built in order to have a child day care on campus.

"With the facilities available on campus, child day care has proven inefficient in the past," Yost said.

Although child day care does not prove to be an efficient endeavor, there is a need for it at MU.

"I am baby sitting for Louise Sullivan-Blum next week while she is in class," Harris said.

Yost also mentioned that he received a phone call from a local child care provider, who was willing to rent space on campus to run the child day care, but the problem in arranging such service was, again, the space available.

Another contact made was with Aramark, the food service provider for MU, Yost said. Aramark, besides food service providers, are also child care service providers.

"Aramark told me that in order to provide the service, a minimum of 100 full time equivalent students would have to use the facilities," Yost said.

Richard Anderson, director of dining services, said he read in the *Flashlight* about the efforts of dif-

ferent organizations and the university's plans concerning child day care on campus.

"I talked to Yost about the child day care and brought it to my district manager's attention about a week ago," Anderson said.

According to Anderson, he also brought it to the attention of Aramark regional vice-president of campus dining who visited MU last week.

"I think it would be a great

thing to have on campus," Anderson said.

According to Yost, the administration is looking into renting an off-campus facility since an on-campus facility is not built. However, it might take a while.

"I can't tell you from a crystal ball," Yost said. "It is awfully difficult to pull out money from the already tight budget, but we (administration) are studying it."

MISO festival promotes multicultural awareness and entertainment

Special to the *Flashlight*

Mansfield University prepares to celebrate culture and diversity when Mansfield International Student Organization presents the 15th annual international festival Saturday, April 13.

The event, which is designed to promote understanding and awareness among various cultures will take place at 5:30 p.m. in North Dining Hall.

According to Sharmane Ratnasara, president of MISO, 11 countries will be represented in this year's festival, which will feature international cuisine, a cultural show, and an international fashion show.

The MISO Festival will also feature Dr. Bernard Koloski, English professor, who will deliver a speech related to this year's theme, Friends Forever.

"Very few tickets are going to be available at the door, because the demand was very high," Ratnasara said.

For more information or tickets, call 662-1097.



Chelsea Eggleston and Steven Wallenda at last year's MISO festival. Here they are performing *Dandia*, without the sticks that are originally used in this Indian dance.

Student Voices

by Cindy Albano

Q. "Do you think it was a good idea to discontinue the free AIDS testing on campus?"



Mike McElhinney

Junior

"No, because students do take advantage of it. Why should we suffer because Tom Ridge shut down the Pa Department of Health in Wellsboro?"



Erica Johnson

Junior

"No, the free AIDS testing was part of our health benefits. If people choose not to take advantage of it, that's their fault."



Darnell Palmer
Senior

"No, I do not think they should have shut the free AIDS testing down. This is a sexually active college community and it is relevant to my peers existence to know if they have the HIV virus."



Stephanie Calby
Sophomore

"No, I do not think it should be closed because people do have sex and they need to know if they have the AIDS virus so they do not put others at greater risk."

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with the residents on their floors. Smith also supports having a day-care center on campus, improving registration methods and improving representation of commuter students.

On the voting ballot there will also be three candidates for vice president. Only two of the three SGA members vying for the position are running with presidential candidates.

Running with Adkins is Suzanna Acevedo, a junior music education major and current SGA senator. Acevedo is in support of Adkins' platforms and feels solid leadership is needed in SGA.

"This year we (SGA) have been at a standstill," Acevedo said. "If SGA isn't working, the students are not represented."

Ben Calder, SGA senator and sophomore business administration major, is running without the backing of a presidential candidate. Calder believes that more direct contact between SGA committees and students can improve student representation.

"I've been active in SGA for two years and I have a feel of the way

things run at the university," Calder said. "I think I can use that insight to benefit the students and the university."

Kim Kochin, an art education graduate student and long time member of SGA, is Smith's running mate. Kochin claims her experience with SGA makes her a good vice presidential choice.

"I have always been involved and dedicated with SGA," Kochin said. "I have held many positions in SGA and am willing to work for the students."

Kochin agrees with Smith that SGA needs to work more directly with students and make them aware of what SGA is doing.

"There are a lot of new things that students have to be made aware of," Kochin said. "We have to talk to students and get them involved."

When voting, a student can vote for a presidential candidate without voting for their running mate and vice versa. And if they do not wish to vote for any candidate on the ballot they can write in an individual's name and vote for that person.

The election will be held in Lower Manser next week on Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Mooney Twins entertain students at MU and MHS

by Tisia D. Baynes
staff reporter

Darryl and Dwayne Mooney, also known as "The Mooney Twins," were presented by the Mansfield University Activities Council, Monday April 1, at Mansfield High School.

The two comedians/motivational speakers entertained an audience of teachers and 11th and 12th grade students.

The Mooney Twins travel around the world promoting change and trying to improve the quality of people's lives.

Their presentation included topics such as drugs, alcohol, smoking, death, racism, interracial relationships, communication and stereotypes.

"Life is what you make it," the Mooney Twins said. "We have to identify just exactly what we are going to do with our lives."

Darryl and Dwayne use humor to captivate their audience and promote discussion.

"Their unique blend of conscience comedy in their performance was an excellent idea," said Erica Johnson, forum chair of MAC.

Audience members were active participants in the experience. The presentation lasted one hour and fifteen minutes. The students posed several questions to the duo after the show was over.

The Mooney Twins also performed for college students at the Hut later that evening.

Police Beat

4/4/96

13:35 Vandalism to automobile—unknown individual walked on the top of the car.

4/5/96

20:40 Criminal Mischief—car damaged while parked in lot across from Cedarcrest—referred to Mansfield police as occurred off campus.

4/6/96

11:53 Theft of property—Super Nintendo w/NBA Live game, stereo speaker (Sony), art book, audio media, Communication Theory from dorm room.

16:30 Vehicle damaged while parked in Maple A loading zone.

4/7/96

13:07 Trouble alarm third floor

Laurel A—officer checked area and could find nothing wrong. Reset alarm system.

4/9/96

9:24 Criminal mischief, windows broken in rest room and equipment shed, drinking fountain damaged. Broken glass on field. Incident occurred within last two weeks.

12:05 Lost ring of keys reported containing at least 4 university keys and a house and car key.

4/10/96

7:55 Harassing phone calls received by MU employee.

10:28 Theft of a violin from the second floor locker area in Butler.

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Women's arts and culture week celebrated at MU

by Chris McGann
layout editor

The third annual Women's Arts and Culture week at Mansfield University was highlighted by a poetry reading and slide presentation by Dr. Judith Sornberger of the English department on Tuesday, April 2.

Sornberger's "The Poet Dreaming in the Artist's House." She read original poems while showing slides of the work of women artists.

"The art is about women's lives and circumstances," Sornberger said. "I'm not talking about how women's art has been suppressed, which it clearly has been."

She said that her work was inspired by women artists but that she did not track down the top hits of women's art. Her reading included art by Alice Cleaver, Mary Cassat, and Leaha Kosh.

According to MU senior English major Heather Madden, who introduced the presentation, Sornberger has had her work published in poetry magazines such as *Calyx*, *Poetry Quarterly*, and *American Poetry Review* and several books. Sornberger also founded the women's studies program at Mansfield

in 1992.

According to co-director of women's studies Dr. Lynn Pifer, the reading had the largest attendance out of all the week's events. 85 people attended the reading.

Also on Thursday, April 4 women faculty, students, staff and community members were invited to share their poetry.

"These events are a good connection to the community," Pifer said.

The week culminated with a coffeehouse performance on Thursday which featured a performance by former student Suzanne Sterling. She played covers of songs by Joan Baez, Indigo Girls, and Sheryl Crow.

The week also included lectures about nursing, presentations about women's art, a panel discussion by women from several countries, a concert, and a hands-on spinning and knitting art exhibit.

The women's scholars' night on Tuesday featured faculty and student art presentations as well as faculty nursing presentations.

The nursing lecture featured speeches by health science professors Dr. Jane McGuire and Dr. Helen Biblehimer.

According to co-director of

women's studies Dr. Andrea Harris, McGuire talked about health issues for women over 80. Biblehimer talked about the psychology of quitting smoking. She said that quitting smoking is like losing a friend.

Dr. Bonnie Kutbay and Dr. Kathy Browning were the art department faculty presenters. Kutbay discussed Navajo weaving and Browning talked about performance art education.

The student presenters were Maria McWilliams, Tara Edmonds, Michelle Brown, and Barbara Dean. McWilliams gave a presentation about Native American weaving. Edmonds

discussed the nineteenth century African-American sculptor Edmonia Lewis. Brown talked about computer art, and Dean discussed post modern art.

The panel discussion focused on the differences in women's life in several different countries and the United States. The panel included women students from Sri Lanka, Brazil, Africa, and Australia.

"The week was a balance of education and fun," Harris said.

Women's arts and culture week is sponsored by Mansfield's women's studies program.

ZTA promotes breast cancer awareness during April

by Kristyn E. Stackhouse
copy editor

Throughout the month of April, the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority has promoted breast cancer awareness on campus and in the community.

For the last six years, the national chapter of ZTA has made its philanthropy project breast cancer awareness. In April, all of the chapters around the nation take part in the "Don't be a Fool" campaign that promotes awareness and teaches both women and men how to perform breast exams, said Amy Alichnie, a junior broadcast and public relations major and president of ZTA.

"This is an important issue because now is the time for people to start getting aware," Alichnie said. "It's especially important while we're in college, because if there is a problem, then it can be prevented early."

On the first day of April, the sorority goes to each of the dormitories distributing shower cards explaining how to do a breast exam. The sisters also give out pamphlets and information booklets at Wal-Mart and Bi-Lo in Mansfield.

"It's amazing to see that so many people are affected by cancer," Alichnie said. "Women come up to us and offer testimony about how they've survived breast cancer. They are very appreciative of our support."

All of the money from fundraisers and a portion of the yearly dues for the sorority are donated to a breast cancer foundation. Last semester, ZTA raised money by holding sweatshirt raffle. The money raised from the raffle was donated to the foundation.

ZTA also works with the Breast

Cancer Control Group of Tioga County to help promote the cause.

According to Kate Phinney, president of the control group, the coalition is a trained group of committed volunteers for the American Cancer Society willing to donate their time to educating women in Tioga County about the importance of breast cancer awareness. The group stresses the importance of breast self-exams, screening and mammography. There are currently seven women working for the Breast Cancer Control Group under the auspices of the American Cancer Society in Tioga County.

"We recruited ZTA to help us reach as many young people as we could," Phinney said. "In the future, we hope to train volunteers on campus to continue working for the cause."

Students on campus have had positive reactions to ZTA's efforts to promote breast cancer awareness.

"They're helping more people be aware," Elizabeth Martin, a junior chemistry major said. "Girls and even guys don't really think about the risks of cancer, but they should."

Tim Griffin, a senior music merchandising major, agrees that the sorority is doing not only a service to the campus community, but also for the country.

"This is a highly sensitive issue that needs to be brought forth," Griffin said. "It's important that breast cancer awareness be promoted across the nation. Every little bit helps."

For more information about breast cancer and how it can be prevented, contact the Komen National Toll-Free Breast Care Help line at 1-800-462-9273.



Photo by Liz Barrett

WNTE general manager poses with the mascot for the jukebox and Greek cuisine night at Manser. The campus radio station and ARA will sponsor the evening on Wednesday, April 17 from 4:30-6 p.m. The station will give free merchandise to anyone wearing a toga and students will be able to register to win a trip to Greece.

Communication department adds two classes for Summer

by Kate A. Griffith
Flashlight editor

Mansfield University's communication and theatre department plans to offer two courses this summer that are new to the summer schedule.

Dr. Vernon Lapps, who has directed the Northern Appalachian Storytelling Festival for 16 years, will be teaching a class in storytelling during summer session 1B, June 10-27 from 8:30-11:55 a.m., Monday through Thursday.

According to Lapps, the class was offered during one other summer session, but not enough people had signed up and the class was dropped. This year the communication department decided to offer the course during a three week session to see what the response would be.

"We thought it would be easier for people who are interested in the course but live outside of the Mansfield area to take the course," Lapps said.

Lapps feels that it is important to offer the course in the summer because it's an ideal course for education majors and returning teachers.

"Storytelling has values for teaching history and teaching reading and writing," Lapps said. "Kids love the idea of telling a story and then writing down what they told. Kids can be really turned on to the idea of storytelling."

Lapps is teaching the storytelling course to nine students this semester.

"I have been absolutely amazed at the creativity and the skill of the students," Lapps said.

So far this semester Lapps has had the class tell a story adapted from a written work, a family story and a folk or urban folk story. The students enjoyed the assignments so much that they asked for an extra one, Lapps said. Lapps added an assignment for the students to tell a

ghost story.

The same assignments will be made for the people in the summer class.

If 12 people do not register for the class, it will be canceled, Lapps said.

"Courses have to have enough people in them to pay for themselves," Lapps said.

This semester's class also wanted an opportunity to offer storytelling for the public, so on April 29 at 4 p.m.; the class will be telling stories for the public in the Cabaret room in Memorial Hall.

Dr. Sharon Carrish, also of the communication and theatre department, will be offering a course in business and professional communication during summer session 1B, 12:30-3:55 p.m.

According to Carrish, the course emphasizes communication skills in the business environment. The course will teach students what to expect in the business world as well as help them to develop a portfolio and write cover letters and resumes.

The course is meant for senior-level students.

"Freshmen and sophomores wouldn't find this sort of information useful yet," Carrish said.

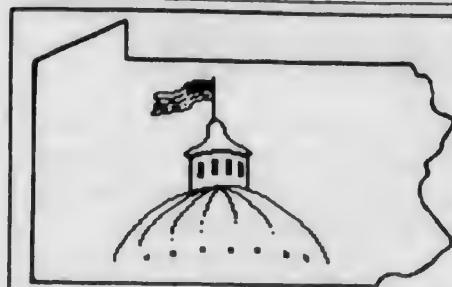
In order to take the class, students must have completed communication 101, and either English 112, or business 130.

"We need students to come into the course with good writing and speaking backgrounds," Carrish said.

Carrish previously taught the class as communication 455.

"The course is very practical in nature," Carrish said. "I think we have an excellent career planning and placement center (at MU), but we have no one course that puts it all together in one place. I've tried to fill that niche."

Students interested in either the storytelling course or the business and professional communication courses need to register by April 19.



Pennsylvania in the News

Two students severely injured in fraternity hazing

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Two University of Pittsburgh students were beaten so severely during a fraternity initiation that both suffered kidney damage and were admitted to a hospital.

Santana Kenner-Henderson, 20, of Aliquippa, and Byron Woodson, 18, of Philadelphia, were beaten with a paddle for about an hour by five members of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity last Friday in an off-campus apartment, Pittsburgh Police Detective Jim Patterson said.

The pledges were told to bend over and grab their ankles to be spanked in a secret ceremony, officials said.

Kenner-Henderson was put on a dialysis machine due to kidney injuries and was in stable condition at Sewickley Valley Hospital, police said. Woodson was released from the hospital earlier this week.

Charged with aggravated assault, reckless endangerment and conspiracy are Timothy Jones, 23; Milton C. Robinson Jr., of Philadelphia; Daymon A. Williams,

21; Iman Jones, 23; and Eric Cosfield, 28. All except Robinson are from Pittsburgh.

The fraternity has been suspended and can't sponsor social events during the university's investigation of the beatings. University spokesman Ken Service said the fraternity could lose its school charter. He said no alcohol was involved.

There was no answer Friday at the door of Kappa Alpha Psi's apartment near the campus.

Service said hazing is forbidden and is considered to be anything physically harmful or psychologically demeaning.

"We hope the fraternities will act in an adult manner, but obviously that wasn't done in this case," Service said.

Jason Berkowitz, a Pitt undergraduate and vice president of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, said hazing doesn't make anyone a better fraternity member. Pi Kappa Alpha has an initiation without hazing, he said.

about 80 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, sent the KKK request forms for the space on Tuesday. On the advice of its solicitor, David Young, it also has asked the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission to give an opinion.

Officials at the commission's Harrisburg office did not immediately return a telephone call seeking comment.

Young said the school board isn't allowed to discriminate against any group.

"But this letter isn't asking for a fashion show or for a meeting of the groundhog committee or even a revival at the stadium," Young said.

Foster of nearby Walston said the KKK plans to hold six other meetings in Pennsylvania this year.

"We are prepared to go to court about this," Foster said. "This is just the beginning. This will not just stop in Punxsutawney."

The Ku Klux Klan wrote to the board last week to ask for forms to fill out asking to use a school gymnasium, auditorium or any large room to hold a rally.

The purpose of the rally would be recruiting and education.

C. Edward Foster, Grand Dragon of the Pennsylvania Realm of the Keystone Knights of the KKK, said his group has the same right as any other group to gather in the school facilities.

"If this was an NAACP or Jewish meeting there wouldn't be any problem," Foster said. "All we want is a place to educate people about what we are doing."

The school board in Punxsutawney,

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Pa state house declares annual day of prayer

HARRISBURG (AP) — After some anger-filled debate, the House of Representatives on Wednesday overwhelmingly agreed to a bill that would designate an annual day of prayer.

The bill, approved 175-16 and sent to the Senate, designates the first Thursday in May as "Commonwealth Day of Prayer." A spokesman for Senate Republican leaders said there is support for the bill in the upper chamber.

Amendments requiring the state to ban shopping, sex and drinking on that day were removed. Sponsor Rep. Jim Lynch, R-Warren, said he simply wants to commemorate a day of prayer.

"It's no different than recognizing Secretary's Day or Valentine's Day," he said.

Opponents claimed the bill threatened religious freedom, and if the Legislature needed to proclaim a day of prayer, it should be done through a resolution not a law.

"Prayer should be voluntary. Prayer should be a matter of will. It should never be ensconced in statute," House Minority Leader H. William DeWeese, D-Greene, argued. "A resolution is all you needed, sir."

But Lynch said a statute guarantees the day of prayer will be commemorated every year with a proclamation from the governor.

As supporters called for members to abandon party affiliation and vote for the bill, some members shouted "Amen!" from their seats.

"I often found myself on my knees in prayer because simply there was no place else to go," said Rep. Gene DiGirolamo, R-Bucks.

Despite the bipartisan support, Rep.

Babette Josephs, D-Philadelphia, criticized Republicans for bringing the bill up for a vote while they cut needy government social programs.

"I think if I were a Republican I would vote for this because all I'd have to offer the citizens of Pennsylvania is prayer," Josephs said.

Her remarks brought a sharp response from Rep. Jerry Birmelin, R-Wayne, who encouraged lawmakers to pray for Josephs. He later apologized.

Josephs accepted the apology, and said, "I have no doubt that I need people to pray for me, and I thank you very much."

Opponents said the nation already has a day of prayer and reflection — Thanksgiving.

"I think we should keep that as a day of prayer and reflection and not diminish it with another day," said Rep. Ivin Itkin, D-Allegheny.

Near debate's end, Lynch lashed out at the American Civil Liberties Union, which opposed the bill on grounds that it violated the separation of church and state.

"This I say to you, you do nothing," Lynch said, angrily. "You do nothing but attempt to destroy what God-fearing people in this country have spent 200 years creating."

Larry Frankel, the ACLU's executive director in the state, was incensed by Lynch's remarks.

"Pennsylvania was founded, as were other colonies in this country, by the people who were fleeing his kind of oppressive behavior," Frankel said. "My people don't believe this is the role of government."

Pa budget protestors smash open pinata effigy of governor

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Chanting "One-term Tom," an eclectic coalition of educators, union workers, homeless advocates and AIDS activists promised to vote Gov. Tom Ridge out of office if he doesn't alter his budget.

"We vote you in, we vote you out," yelled an assembled crowd of about 200 people Wednesday at the state office building here.

Protesting Ridge's proposed cuts in medical assistance, they punctuated their anger by smashing an effigy of the governor's head.

"We won't sacrifice our lives for your deadly cuts," said Leona Smith from the Union of the Homeless.

In his proposed \$16.2 billion spending plan for the 1996-97 fiscal year, Ridge tightens spending and cuts Medicaid, the health insurance program for the poor and disabled, by removing 259,000 people from the program in order to save approximately \$250 million.

The GOP-controlled state Senate approved a welfare bill last month that embodied Ridge's plan. But the House later blocked the Medicaid cuts.

"This budget is dangerous public health policy at best, and government sanctioned murder at worse," said Asia Russell of ACT UP. "There's no way we can allow his budget proposal to survive."

The rally's organizers were also upset with proposed 30 percent cuts in AIDS drug prescriptions; reductions in child

support; drug treatment center closings; cuts in job training; increased spending on new prisons; and zero increases in basic or higher education spending.

Protesters waved placards that referred to Ridge as a "Slasher" whose only concern is with "corporate welfare" — alluding to the \$60 million in tax breaks for businesses in the governor's budget.

"They do not have to cut these poor people off at the knees with these draconian measures. The money is there," said Michael Morrill, director of Citizen Action's Pennsylvania chapter.

Morrill cited the nearly \$500 million in potential revenues and savings identified Tuesday by state Sen. Vincent Fumo, D-Phila..

Fumo's plan would eliminate the proposed business tax cuts and dip into the state's Refund Reserve account.

Ridge's spokesman, Tim Reeves, said Pennsylvania "has one of the most generous welfare packages remaining in the United States." He said Ridge increased funding for AIDS programs from \$6.9 million to \$7.4 million in his last budget and has proposed to take it to \$7.6 million in his most recent proposal.

"It's cold outside today, but not as cold as Tom Ridge's heart," said Ray Martinez of Service Employees Union. "We don't have the money that the corporate bosses have to contribute to your campaign Tom Ridge, but we have the masses on our side."



Campus Bulletin Board



On Thursdays, beginning April 11, the student volunteer advocates will provide a support group for victim of sexual assault, dating violence and sexual harassment to relate their feelings. the support group will be held in the Women's center, Pinecrest 102, between 7 - 8 p.m. All communications are confidential.

Fall 1996 Registration

Com 101, Section 4 is by "permission only". You must see the instructor for written authorization to enroll. This was not noted in the fall catalogue. See description of course listed below: Oral Communication 101 Section 4, MWF 9 am.

Students who feel an excessive amount of fear about the communication process can register for a special section of the required communications course, COM 101. The course requires a personal interview and permission from the professor prior to actual registration. For more information, contact Dr. Sharon Carrish, 307 South Hall, or call ext. 4371.

Career Seminar Day 1996: Attention all students and faculty members of Mansfield University. Phi Beta Lambda is proud to announce its Career Seminar Day for 1996. We will be hosting this event on Friday, April 19. The program will involve speakers from various businesses, from both the state of Pennsylvania and outside of the state as well. Some of the invited speakers will be taking resumes. There will be a luncheon also, whereby some of the students/job seekers will be allowed the opportunity to meet and talk with some of the speakers. This event will be held in the Laurel Dormitory building. If you are interested, or have any questions ask any Phi Beta Lambda Brother or call Kurt at 662-5794.

A Health Fair will be held in the Cabaret Room of Memorial Hall on April 15, 1996 from 10 am to 3 pm. Students from the Nursing program will be conducting a Blood Pressure Screening and will present A New Generation of Care: Do You Know Your Care giver's Qualifications? Diet and Fat Content Analysis, Recipes for Heart Healthy Foods and individual diet counseling will be offered by the Nutrition and Dietetics students. Information on Smoking Cessation with tips on how to quit will be available. Kathy Wright and Helen Biblehimer are co-chairing this event. For further information, call Ext. 4521.

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Latino Student Organization
Wednesdays at 4 pm Belknap Hall, rm 113 (seminar).

The Department of Public Education of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is attempting to organize campus groups nationwide. Some of the liveliest debates about American freedoms are occurring on college campuses. If you are interested, please contact Prof. Gertzman, 08 Belknap Hall (ext 4587).

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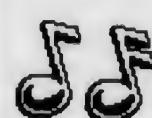
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Your vote counts in upcoming SGA election

Perhaps the greatest problem that Mansfield University faces is student apathy. Constantly heard are students complaining about this university, the way it is run, what it offers and how there is never anything to do.

However, these same students, when given a chance to express themselves in a productive way, often turn away from the opportunity.

Next week, every student who has ever complained or had a concern about this campus should make sure they do one thing: vote.

Student Government Association elections will be held next Wednesday and Thursday in Lower Manser, giving students the chance to choose their representatives for next year.

Over the past few years, only a few hundred students have turned out to vote. Perhaps you were one of the ones who decided you didn't need to vote because SGA is just a campus organization and it doesn't really effect you. Perhaps you believed that the members of SGA have no real power or influence over what happens on campus. If so, you were wrong.

SGA has a lot of say in what happens on this campus, since the organization is seen by administrators and officials as the official student voice. President Kelchner and the Council of Trustees rely on SGA to represent the students and relate their concerns to them. What SGA relates as the student concern can easily effect policy. Members of SGA also comprise a good percentage of the committees on campus which help regulate student organizations and activities like the Committee on Finance.

However, if you truly want to be heard on this campus, you have to do more than vote. Make sure that you familiarize yourself with the candidates and their stances on various issues.

What if you decide to elect a person who has totally different beliefs and stances than you just because you recognize his or her name on the ballot or because the person is in your class?

Suppose you are a student who enjoys the lectures and concerts offered on campus. However, because you are not informed, you unknowingly vote for a presidential candidate who is in full support of cutting funding for the Mansfield Activities Council. What happens when this SGA president is successful in getting the funding cut and you find that the concert you were promised or the speaker you wanted to hear can't come because there is not enough money in the MAC budget?

The power you hold in choosing your SGA representatives is nothing to be taken lightly. As with national government, electing the wrong people can get you into trouble. When you hear about all the problems and corruption going on in the national government, remember, people elected these corrupt individuals.

You have to get to know the candidates. It is not hard. Think about what issues on campus affect you the most and decide what you think should be changed or how to make things better. Then shape your concerns into a question, and ask the SGA candidates about their positions and see if their answer sounds good or hopeful.

By making an educated choice, you are influencing the way both SGA and the university is run. Don't decide to vote and then just click off the first twenty names on the list, take a few moments next week to do some quick research about the candidates and make your vote worth something.

Commentary policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary you may turn it in to the Flashlight office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writer's name, major, class and phone number. Non-students are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week, we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

Opinions

SGA BALLOT

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- Adolph Hitler
- Howard Hinkeldorf

Vice President:

- Charles Manson
- Penelope Smith

THE DANGERS OF VOTING BY NAME RECOGNITION

MTV neglects needs of music video lovers

To the editor:

Congratulations to Matt Peterson for his fine assessment of MTV's subtext, "No, I don't want my MTV, thank you," in the March 29 issue of the *Flashlight*. I was in college when MTV started and, like Mr. Peterson, used to enjoy the occasional afternoon or evening crashed in front of some music videos. Back then, the early 1980s for those of you keeping score, MTV even launched a few bands that we might not have heard in small-town

America.

At some point, though, the channel ceased being about music and started being about "beautiful" people who have lots of money, friends and free time. MTV became just another voice telling me I wasn't beautiful enough or rich enough or whatever to be cool. These days MTV doesn't even spend the majority of its day playing music videos, just this near-constant drone of "Sandblast," "Road Rules," "Real World" and "Singled Out." A friend

calls it "Empty V."

Thanks to Mr. Peterson's column I know I'm not alone in thinking MTV is shutting out people — whether they are from my generation or the next one — who liked it for music videos.

When Beck sang "I'm a loser baby, so why don't you kill me" little did he know that MTV executives were in the board room saying "OK."

Scott A. Miller
MU public relations

Students can make registration less frustrating

To the editor:

I have twice experienced the pains of undergoing course registration. While figuring out what classes I want and where they fit in MU's complicated ER's is difficult enough, I find it more frustrating to wait 2 hours in line and find my carefully chosen classes filled! This semester, wouldn't it be nice to only have to wait a few minutes and to get all classes that you can use somewhere on your ER?

Well, if everyone would cooperate, it could be done. Unbeknownst to many, up-to-date listings of course tallies are posted on the MU Internet home page. It can be found by open-

ing Netscape, selecting "Department," followed by "Records and Registration" (faculty advisors should point this page out to their students). This list shows you the total number of seats in each, and how many of those seats have been taken, simple subtraction tells you the number of seats left.

I plead to all MU students to kindly use this list to check if their course selections still have seats left. If they are close to full, have an alternative that you can use ready so that you don't fill up classes that other students need!

In addition, be sure that your class times don't conflict with

each other. You should also check out the master schedule changes page found at the same location. Note which classes require prerequisites, professors permission (PP) or are only open to incoming students (IS). Also, be aware of the special requirements on the bottom left of your ER, most notably that many majors now require at least 51 credits at the 300/400 level!

By following these simple tips, we can all make this semester's registration much easier on each other and perhaps avoid the sleep-overs in Memorial Hall!

Rustin Kreider

Letters to the editor policy

The Flashlight is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry a signature or signatures of the writer(s). Unsigned letters tell us the writer is not willing to take responsibility for what he or she has written. So, why should we?

In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The Flashlight reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the Flashlight office, 217 Memorial Hall, Monday through Friday, or mailed to the above address.

Commentary

Back in 1960, baseball was the game



Dave Barry

As I ponder the start of yet another baseball season, what is left of my mind drifts back to the fall of 1960, when I was a student at Harold C. Crittenden Junior High ("Where the Leaders of Tomorrow Are Developing the Acne of Today").

The big baseball story that year was the World Series between the New York Yankees and the Pittsburgh Pirates. Today, for sound TV viewership reasons, all World Series games are played after most people, including many of the players, have gone to bed. But in 1960 the had to be played in the daytime, because the electric light had not been invented yet. Also, back then the players and owners had not yet discovered the marketing benefits of sporadically cancelling entire seasons.

The result was that in those

days young people were actually interested in baseball, unlike today's young people, who are much more interested in basketball, football, soccer and downloading dirty pictures from the Internet. But in my youth, baseball ruled. Almost all of us boys played in Little League, a character-building experience that helped me develop a personal relationship with God.

"God," I would say, when I was standing in deep right field — the coach put me in right field only because it was against the rules to put me in Sweden, where I would have done less damage to the team — "please please PLEASE don't let the ball come to me."

But of course God enjoys a good prank as much as the next infallible deity, which is why, when He heard me pleading with Him, He always took time out from His busy schedule to make sure the next batter hit a towering blast that would, upon re-entering the Earth's atmosphere, come down directly where I would have been standing, if I had stood still, which I never did. I lunged around cluelessly in frantic, random circles, so that the ball always landed a minimum of 40 feet from where I wound up standing, desperately thrusting out my glove, which was a Herb Score model that, on my coach's recommendation, I had treated with neat's-foo oil so it would be supple. Looking back, I feel bad that innocent neats had to sacrifice their feet for the sake of my glove. I would have been just as effective, as a fielder, if I had been wearing a bowling shoe on my hand, or a small aquarium.

But even though I stunk at it, I was into baseball. My friends and I collected baseball cards, the kind that came in a little pack with a dusty, pale-pink rectangle of linoleum-textured World War II surplus bubble gum that was far less edible than the cards themselves. Like every other male my age who collected baseball cards as a boy, I now firmly believe that at one time I had the original rookie cards of Mickey Mantle, Jackie Robinson, Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Jim Thorpe, Daniel Boone, Goliath, etc., and that I'd be able to sell my collection for \$163 million today except my mom threw it out.

My point is that we cared deeply about baseball back then, which meant that we were passionate about the 1960 Pirates-Yankees World Series matchup. My class was evenly divided between those who were Pirate fans and those who were complete morons. I never have cared for the Yankees, and for a very sound reason: The Yankees are evil.

We followed every pitch of every game. It wasn't easy, because the weekday games started when we were still in school, which for some idiot reason was not called off for the World Series. This meant that certain students — I am not naming names, because even now, it could go on our Permanent Records — had to carry concealed transistor radios to class. A major reason why the Russians got so far ahead of us, academically, during the Cold War is that while Russian students were listening to their teachers explain the cosine, we

were listening, via concealed earphones, to announcers explain how a bad hop nailed Tony Kubek in the throat.

That Series went seven games, and I vividly remember how it ended. School was out for the day, and I was heading home, pushing my bike up a steep hill, listening to my cheapo little radio, my eyes staring vacantly ahead, my mind locked on the game. A delivery truck came by, and the driver stopped and asked if he could listen. Actually, he more or less TOLD me he was going to listen; I said OK.

The truck driver turned out to be a rabid Yankee fan. The game was very close and we stood on opposite sides of my bike for the final two innings, rooting for opposite teams, him chain-smoking Lucky Strike cigarettes, both of us hanging on every word coming out of my tinny little speaker.

And, of course, if you were around back then and did not live in Russia, you know what happened: God, in a sincere effort to make up for all those fly balls he directed toward me in Little League, had Bill Mazeroski — Bill Mazeroski! — hit a home run to win it for the Pirates.

I was insane with joy. The truck driver was devastated. But I will never forget what he said to me. He looked me square in the eye, one baseball fan to another, after a tough but fair fight — and he said a seriously bad word. Several, in fact. Then he got in his truck and drove away.

That was the best game I ever saw.

The provost wishes to remind students who do not meet the university's minimum academic requirements at the end of the 1996 spring term and thus face academic dismissal of two options available at that time:

- 1) A student may appeal his/her dismissal before the Academic Standards Review Board in May and if reinstated follow the requirements specified by the Hearing Board.
- 2) A student academically dismissed for the first time will be permitted to enroll in classes during the 1996 summer sessions. If a student chooses to do so, then he/she should repeat, where possible, courses in which they received a D or F. The student's academic progress will be reviewed at the close of the summer sessions, and if at that time the student meets the university's minimum academic requirements he/she will be reinstated for the 1996 fall term. In selecting courses to repeat or new courses, a student should be sure to work with an advisor. If the student's advisor is not available, then the Office of the Provost will provide assistance for the student.

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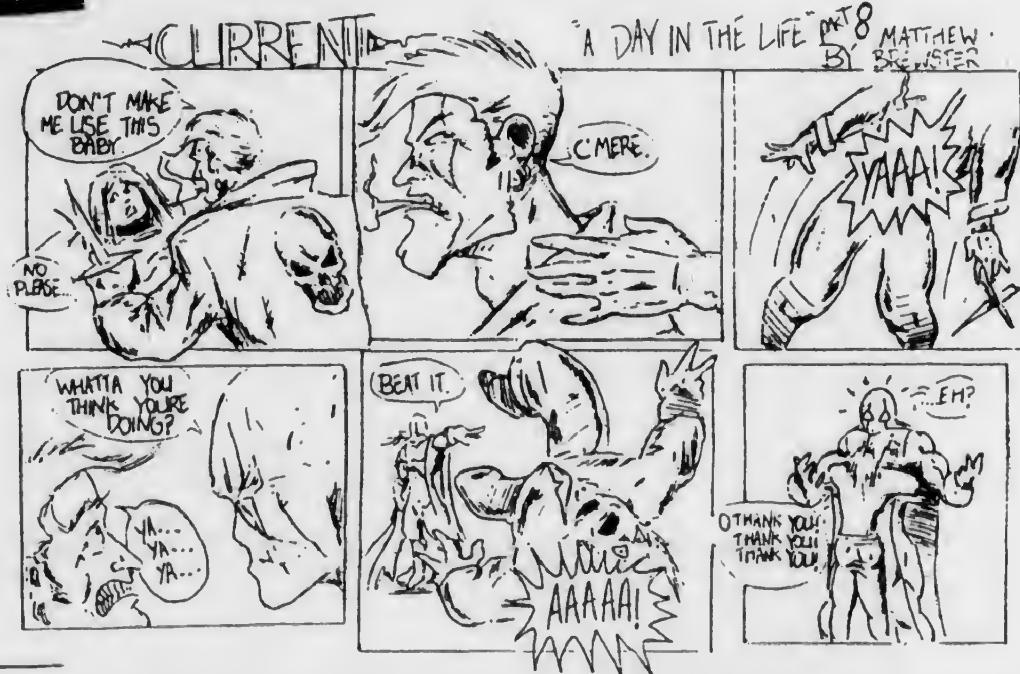


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The Flashlight

Bad weather postpone diamond boys last nine games

by Darren A. Meehan
sports reporter

When the mountie men opened Shaute Field two weeks ago, the sun cast a golden yellow glow on the spectators as students and fans wondered. "Is Spring finally here at last?"

Two weeks later, students, fans and the baseball team knew the answer: Spring is not here; it only came to see the Mounties play a game at Shaute Field and went back to its hiding place.

The team, however, hasn't let the weather affect their playing—the little playing they've been able to do.

In the past two weeks, mother nature has prohibited the Mounties from playing any of their last nine games, but the Diamond Boys have climbed up to 16th in the NCAA Division II Collegiate

Baseball poll and are shining in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference standings.

With contributions coming from just about every aspect of the team including solid batting from Scott Wilcox, Greg Robertson, Matt Butler and Chris Miller, the boys are looking more and more promising as the team continues their 11 game winning streak.

Scott Wilcox, sophomore outfielder, has maintained a .407 batting average with four home runs.

Greg Robertson, junior second baseman, has smacked in 22 RBI's and helped the Mounties to their current streak. Complementing the batting is a strong bullpen boasting Tim Watkins and Chris McGee.

Sophomore lefty Watkins is listed in third place or better in wins,



MU senior Matt Butler is ranked fourth in doubles in the PSAC.

ERA and strikeouts based on the 1996 PSAC polls, released April 9. Watkins is 4-0 with a 1.21 ERA and 27 total

strikeouts. McGee's promising 3-0 start is the sixth best in the PSAC rankings.

The team itself is in first place in the Eastern division and is ranked first in pitching, second in batting and scoring and fifth in fielding and has been performing well considering the unpredictability of the climate.

Wednesday's doubleheader against Millersville was bumped to Thursday, but no scores were available at press time.

The team will return to Shaute Field on Saturday to face Bloomsburg at 1 o'clock.

For Bloomsburg, Saturday will be a chance to close the gap between themselves and the first place Mounties. Of course, the game scheduled for Saturday will be held—weather permitting.

MU track and field team kicks off 1996 season

by Amber Lakits
sports editor

The Mansfield University Track and Field team kicked off their 1996 season with a solid performance March 30 at the 10th Annual Susquehanna University Track & Field Invitational.

"With the weather being so cold we were looking to train through some meets," Head Coach Jim Taylor

said. "We practiced real hard the day before the meet and that resulted in some of the times being slower."

In the 3000 meter steeple-chase for the men, Derek Furry finished with a time of 11:42 and with a time of 5:01.18 in the 1,500 meter run. MU's William Santiago finished just a few runners ahead of him with a time of 4:32.23 and the highest finisher for Mansfield was Dana Vosburgh with a time of 4:22.00.

In the 400-meter dash, Doug

Perry finished just shy of the top six with a time of :53.04 while newcomer Pete Herchick finished with a time of :55.99. Herchick also finished solidly with a time of :25.16 in the 200-meter dash.

For the women, Tami Kroft placed fourth in the shot put with a distance of 37-0 1/2. Kroft also placed fourth in the discus with a distance of 11-6.

"Kroft qualified for PSAC's with her performances in the shot put

and discus," Taylor said.

In the 100-meter hurdle trials Cheryl Farabaugh finished strong with a time of :17.80, just a few seconds off the lead time. Mary Silata also finished with a time of :20.30. In the 100-meter dash trials Christine Dacchille finished with a time of :14.25 while Silata finished with a time of :15.30.

Flashlight Athlete of the Week

Mike Resetar



Mike Resetar has been named Flashlight Athlete of the Week. Resetar hit a grand slam home run in the Albany game victory March 24 paving the way for an 11 game win streak.

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Mitchell, Woodruff play in all-star game

by Jason Bricker
asst. sports editor

On April 6th Mansfield University Mountaineer football standouts Dave Mitchell and Tim Woodruff traveled to Texas to play in the red and blue all-star game.

The game was held in Pennington Texas with the participants being from division one, two, and three schools. The teams were not split into bye regions, but "seemed two be divided

so that the teams were fair," said Woodruff.

Mitchell and Woodruff were on the losing end, as their team was defeated 26-0.

"We got too play every other series," said Woodruff, who in the game had a hurry, a batted down pass, and a couple tackles while playing at his defensive tackle position.

Mitchell had seven tackles to go along with a sack, a caused fumble, and a fumble recovery. This is a typical type of game for the Mansfield line

backer who this year became Mansfield's all-time leading tackler.

Mitchell and Woodruff had a choice of playing in an all-star game at Cleveland, or at Texas.

"Dave and I had already been to Cleveland so we choose to go to Texas," said Woodruff.

Mitchell and Woodruff spent five days in Texas. During this time they took the opportunity to visit the city of Dallas. They both commented on visiting the place where President John F. Kennedy was shot.

1996 Mansfield University Softball Statistics

Batting

Player	B-Avg.	GP-GS	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	TB	Slg.%	BB
S. Kent	.328	22-22	58	6	19	11	6	0	0	25	.431	3
S. Thompson	.279	21-21	61	7	17	5	4	1	0	23	.377	0
H. Shelleman	.273	15-10	33	5	9	4	2	2	0	15	.455	5
K. Harlow	.246	22-22	65	7	16	9	1	0	0	17	.262	9
B. Fausnaught	.239	23-21	67	5	16	12	5	0	0	21	.313	8
C. Dyman	.232	19-19	56	5	13	4	2	1	0	17	.304	7
B. McManus	.224	21-21	49	5	11	4	3	2	0	18	.367	6
D. Wascher	.200	17-16	50	5	10	2	0	0	0	10	.200	1
L. McCabe	.200	4-0	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	.200	2
C. Hayes	.192	22-22	52	7	10	4	2	0	0	12	.231	6
M. Tyson	.179	21-21	67	6	12	5	2	0	0	14	.209	4
A. Calkins	.077	8-3	13	4	1	2	0	0	0	1	.077	0
J. Snyder	.000	11-1	8	7	0	2	0	0	0	0	.000	1
M. Stock	.000	6-6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0

Pitching

Player	W-L	Pct.	ERA	G-GS	CG	SV	SHO	IP	H	R	BB	SO
M. Stock	3-7	.300	2.38	10-10	6	0	0	56.0	61	46	34	15
M. Tyson	3-9	.250	2.78	12-11	11	0	1	83.0	108	54	29	19
B. Fausnaught	0-0	.000	4.20	5-0	0	0	0	10.0	18	20	8	1

The end of an era: Dutch heads for retirement

by Amber Lakits
sports editor

Welcome back everyone. I hope all of my faithful sports readers had a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

Before I begin my column this week, I would like to start with a little story that ties into why my Easter break turned into one of my biggest fears about baseball.

It was Saturday night, I was sitting at home painting Easter eggs with my brother in our kitchen when my father came out and told me the terrible news-Darren Daulton announced his possible retirement.

I was speechless and for those who know me know that doesn't happen too often. I was totally in shock-how could he do something like this to his fans. More importantly, how could he do that to me! First, infielder John Kruk retires and now Daulton! I think

the world is officially coming to an end.

This three time All-star and team leader was officially placed on the 15-day disabled list after the April 8 game against the Cincinnati Reds to return to Clearwater for rehabilitation. This temporary rehab may turn permanent into retirement.

According to "Dutch" Daulton he took himself out of the line-up because he was "hurting the team."

Dutch hurt the team-never! He has been with the organization longer than MTV or the Simpson's have been on television. He's survived the Nick Leyva days, the Mitch "Wild Thing" Williams days and even the days of Ricky (Jordan), Mickey (Morandini) and Dickie (Thon) rounding out the infield.

I remember the day I met Darren Daulton. It was during an exhibition game at Reading against the Reading Phillies and Philadelphia Phillies. He was taking batting practice with the mammoth eater John Kruk. He walked

over to sign autographs and that is when it happened. I met the great Dutchster..

Okay maybe the world didn't stop for that moment and I'm sure it didn't have a dramatic effect on his life, but when he took my baseball card and asked me how I was doing I knew the Phillies were my team for life. He would be the player to lead the team to the promised land and he did.

Dutch was one of the few members on the team besides Kevin Stocker and Morandini who have been with the team from the beginning-all the way from the farm. He was on the team during the 1980 World Series, though basically for moral support and waited patiently behind Lance Parrish for his shot as the number one catcher.

One day that was as traumatic as this possible retirement announcement was a day I have come to know as D-day. No, it has nothing to do with Pearl Harbor, it has to do with the car crash of 1991. For those of you who

don't remember the occurrence as vividly as I do I'll briefly refresh your memory. Daulton and centerfielder Lenny Dykstra were returning from John Kruk's bachelor party in Dykstra's brand new car and ended up crashing into a tree. This left both men with serious injuries ending their seasons and nearly ending their lives.

As if that pain wasn't enough he has been through nine knee operations, a fractured right hand, a fractured right clavicle, a torn rotator cuff and injured right eye. Yet he always manages to bounce back.

He lead the team victoriously to the 1994 World Series and has been a team leader on and off the field. He's survived a messy divorce with a Hooter and admirably made the transition to the outfield this season.

Dutch retire? I just don't see how it could happen. Personally, I think he is just pretending to retire so he, the Wild Thing and the Krukster can make a "bad boys" comeback. It could happen!

Mountaineer Outdoors-sports commentary

by Alan Houck
sports reporter

On Saturday the Pennsylvania trout season will open at 8 a.m. The banks of local streams will be cluttered by hundreds of people toting rods, reels, buckets, stringers and dreams of filling their creels. The eight trout that the commonwealth limits to the fishermen who brave the confusion and crowded conditions are not enough compensation for all effort put forward.

Local streams that will be frequented by literally hundreds will be Mill Creek and Tioga above Blossburg. There have been a lot of trout poured into the Mill Creek from Roseville to the mouth of where it goes into the Tioga Dam. There are five plus miles to tread and carry your necessities in catching a mush belly.

Hot spots in the past have been off the bridge on 549 north and south from right in the middle of Roseville and the bridge on Decker street and Pickel Hill. The Creek does reveal many pleasant qualities if you take the time to ob-

serve them instead of going on a death march pace to that hot spot. For those who wish to try more of a challenge the mighty Pine may have what you are looking for. The serenity and the quality of holes with trout are superior which are just reward for the effort.

The tradition behind the first day does not equal the amount of excitement as the first day of buck season, but has its own mystique. The tradition begins with the re-spooling of line the purchase of new Eagle Claw hooks split shot and a couple of Pan-

ther Martin spinners. Please do not forget to buy those bobbers and night crawlers along with meal worms and maggots. For those who believe that man has created a better bait Wal-Mart has a good stock of Berkeley Power Bait guaranteed for big fish results. Hope those helpful hints prepare you for the "big day". Oh, and yes I will be out there too.

Next week we will explore the forest and try to reveal some secrets toward harvesting a spring gobbler which opens in exactly two weeks, 1 day, 18 hours and 20 minutes.

MU softball team takes two from Millersville

by Joe Wagner
sports reporter

The Mansfield University softball team took two games from Millersville on April 6 boosting their Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference record to 3-3.

The first game, of the Saturday afternoon doubleheader, was a barnburner lasting nine innings. Mansfield came out on top in the first contest, 7-6. Melissa Tyson pitched all nine frames for the Mountaineers allowing 14 hits and three earned runs.

The Marauders jumped out in

front in the first inning with one run and added two more scores in the third. The Mountaineers waited until the fifth inning before they lit up the score board with five runs. Millersville came back in the seventh with two runs to tie the score at five.

In the first extra inning, both teams added a point to the board to deadlock the score at six. In the top of the ninth, Christina Dyman knocked out a triple to score Kristen Harlow, the go-ahead run. The Mounties held on in the bottom of the ninth to secure the win.

Sherry Thompson led the Mansfield offense. She had three hits in

four at bats. Thompson belted out a single, double and a triple and scored twice. Beth Fausnought and Harlow both had two hits in five plate appearances.

Melissa Stock started the second game for the Mountaineers. She gave up five hits and allowed two earned runs.

Stock pitched the entire game for the Mountaineers.

The game remained scoreless until the third inning when both teams scored twice. Neither team was able to post any runs until the top of the seventh. Mansfield's Missy Tyson singled

to drive in pinch runner Jodie Snyder to score the go-ahead run. The Mountaineer defense held strong in the bottom of the seventh to secure their second win of the day. Mountie fielders did not commit an error the entire second game.

The two conference wins over Millersville increase Mansfield's PSAC record to 3-3. Last year, Mansfield ranked 6th in the league, compiling a record of only 4-20 in the PSAC. The Mountaineer's overall record is currently 6-15.

The Mountaineers next action will be Saturday April 13 at Bloomsburg University.

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Meet The Team

by: Amber Lakits
sports editor

Name: Joe Wetzel

Year: sophomore

Position: pitcher

Hometown: Waynesboro

High School: Waynesboro High School



MU baseball

Unabomber probe seeks Kaczynski ski links to victims

By Carolyn Skorneck
associated press

SACRAMENTO, California (AP) — Federal agents searching the Montana cabin of Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski found aviator sunglasses and a sweatshirt similar to those seen by the only known witness to a Unabomber attack, the San Francisco Examiner reported on Wednesday.

The newspaper, citing an unnamed law enforcement official, said the shirt and glasses were found on Tuesday.

Three people were killed and 23 others injured in bombings attributed to the Unabomber, starting in 1978. The investigation was code-named Unabom, because the bomber's early targets were universities and airlines.

The newspaper also said Kaczynski — who had no telephone — devised a mail code with his family to enable him to recognize important letters.

An employee at a Salt Lake City computer store had seen a man with a mustache, dark aviator glasses and hooded sweatshirt put something under the wheel of her car on Feb. 20, 1987. When

another worker moved the item, it exploded and injured him. The FBI used her description as the basis for the widely distributed composite drawing of the suspected Unabomber.

Meanwhile, in Sacramento, workers at a popular bookstore said Kaczynski frequented the place for years, often browsing for hours through the science and magazine sections.

"There were several of us that recognized him. This guy was one of the regulars. He came in the spring and was around for several days. I vividly remember him in the science section, because that's where I worked and it was difficult to work in there because of the smell," said Tower Books employee Marie Gillies.

Store manager Chris Musci said the employees called him "Einstein."

"He had that mop of salt-and-pepper hair, all matted, and he smelled bad but he never bothered anybody," Musci said. "He was very quiet. He would hang out for a couple of hours. It was always in the spring that he was here — we only saw him in the warm weather."

Tom Gillies, Marie's husband, said he once was forced to eject Kaczynski from

the store because of the powerful odor.

Kaczynski, 53, a Harvard-trained, former mathematics professor at Berkeley, was arrested near Lincoln, Montana, at his remote cabin, which lacks plumbing and doesn't have an outhouse.

He is accused of a single count of possessing bomb components. He has not been charged with any of the 16 Unabomber attacks.

The Examiner reported that Kaczynski, estranged from his family, told his relatives to use a secret code when they sent "urgent and important" letters to him in Montana.

Kaczynski sent letters to his family telling them that in urgent cases they should draw a red line under the stamp on their envelope, an official said, according to the newspaper.

The letters were recovered by investigators earlier this year from a house the family owned in the Chicago area.

Kaczynski ignored some letters from his family that lacked the code, but when his family used the code in a 1990 letter telling him of his father's suicide, Kaczynski wrote back complaining that such news didn't warrant red line treatment, the Examiner reported.

In another report, The Sacramento Bee said Wednesday that librarians at University of California-Davis turned over to the FBI a book found in their stacks with handwritten markings around text that closely paralleled some of the Unabomber's manifesto.

The book "The True Believer," by Eric Hoffer, raised the possibility that the Unabomber might have used the university's library for researching and writing at least part of his 35,000-word manifesto.

Hoffer, a San Francisco longshoreman-turned-philosopher and essayist who died in 1983, was popular when Kaczynski was teaching at University of California-Berkeley in the late 1960s. Like the Unabomber, Hoffer consecutively numbered paragraph groupings in "The True Believer," published in 1951.

Hoffer's book and the Unabomber's manifesto parallel each other in subject and phrasing. Both wrote about hatred, fanaticism, "true believers," the power of mass movements, the French and Russian revolutions and the development of modern Asia.

European union maintains British beef ban

By Mark Lawrence
associated press

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — European Union veterinary experts turned down Britain's request Wednesday to relax an export ban on British beef imposed in response to the mad cow disease scare.

Britain wants to resume exports of beef

fat and gelatin made from boiled-down cattle carcasses. Those materials are widely used in products such as soap, cosmetics, glue, candy and ice cream.

The European Union ban on all beef products was imposed March 27 as fear grew that humans could contract a deadly illness related to mad cow disease, a brain-wasting cattle ailment that has affected herds in Britain.

Britain had hoped the EU veterinary

committee would be swayed by the World Health Organization's finding last week that beef-derived gelatin posed no risk to human health.

"The ban has not changed," EU agriculture spokesman Gerry Kiely said after a daylong meeting of senior veterinary officials from the 15 EU countries.

Kiely said Wednesday's meeting showed a clear majority of EU nations want Britain to present a detailed plan

to contain mad cow disease before they consider modifying the ban.

"The member-states are linking any easing of the ban to a clear control and eradication plan from Britain," Kiely said.

Britain agreed last week to present a plan by the end of the month to slaughter some 4.7 million cattle at risk for the disease and impose other safeguards to protect public health.

Pregnant women help blood pressure with more calcium

By Bob Baum
associated press

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP) — Pregnant women can substantially lower their risk of high blood pressure and a sometimes deadly condition known as preeclampsia by getting more calcium in their diet, researchers say.

The incidence of high blood pressure was reduced by 70 percent among women who consumed the equivalent of four servings of dairy products — 1,500 milligrams of calcium — per day, according to a Canadian study published this week in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The incidence of a serious medical condition known as preeclampsia, which can be fatal to a woman and the fetus, dropped by 62 percent.

"Pregnancy, while it's a time of hopefully great joy and pleasure with a newborn, is also a time where otherwise young healthy women do develop some serious medical problems," said Dr. David McCarron, who wrote an editorial accompanying the study. "It's rare in medicine to find simple recommendations that have that type of power."

The study was supported by the National Dairy Council and the Swiss National Research Foundation.

McCarron, head of the Division of Nephrology, Hypertension and Clinical

Pharmacology at Oregon Health Sciences University, said the study should lead doctors to routinely recommend dairy products and calcium supplements to pregnant women.

The study, conducted at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, surveyed 2,459 pregnant women. A similar study at the university, published last week, linked calcium to a small but scientifically significant blood pressure drop in the general population.

"These studies are significant because they represent the most rigorous analysis of the effect of calcium in these populations ever undertaken," said Dr. Gordon Guyatt, an author of both studies.

McCarron said it stands to reason that

pregnant women would benefit the most from calcium because their natural supply of the mineral is drained by the needs of the fetus.

McCarron said 10 percent to 15 percent of the 4 million American women who give birth each year have high blood pressure during pregnancy. Two percent to 8 percent suffer from preeclampsia, a disorder that leads to extremely high blood pressure and kidney damage.

Women who have high blood pressure while pregnant are more apt to develop health problems such as heart disease, diabetes and excessive weight gain in later years, McCarron said.

Calendar

Friday, April 12

1-4pm Free pool at the Rec Desk in Memorial Hall
6-8pm Mysterious Eskimo Show on WNTE
10pm Zanzibar at the HUT

Saturday, April 13

1pm Softball away at Bloomsburg
1pm Baseball away at Bloomsburg
1pm Track & Field/Mansfield Invitational at home
3pm Kevin Crawford/Matthew Rush Senior Trumpet/Voice Recital in Steadman Theatre
5:30pm Mansfield International

Student Organization (MISO) Festival in North Dining Hall. For tickets: call 662-1097

8pm Lori Duncan Senior Voice Recital in Steadman Theatre
10pm Zanzibar at the HUT

Sunday, April 14

7pm Spoken Word with Henry Rollins at Straughn Auditorium. Tickets are available at the door.
8pm Zanzibar at the Hut

Monday, April 15

1pm Baseball away at St. John Fisher College

3pm Softball away at home with West Chester

4pm Flashlight meeting, 217 Memorial Hall

9pm Student Government Meeting, Memorial Hall

Tuesday, April 16

1pm Ebony Discussion Hour in the MLK Center, Memorial Hall
1pm Baseball at home with Kutztown
9pm MAC meeting in lower Memorial Hall
Sigma movie night at The HUT

Wednesday, April 17

Voting for Student Government President in Lower Manser

11-1pm Free popcorn at the Rec Desk in Memorial Hall

3pm Softball away at Kutztown
3pm Track & Field away at Lock Haven with Bloomsburg

9pm MAC Coffeehouse at the HUT

Thursday, April 18

Voting for Student Government President in Lower Manser
1pm International Discussion Hour in the MLK Center, Memorial Hall
9pm Zanzibar at the Hut

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Smith wins 1996-97 SGA presidency

by Matt Peterson
managing editor

A complete change of officers a new senatorial body were the outcome of the Student Government elections held on Wednesday and Thursday.

The new president for next term, Mark Smith, was elected in one of the largest SGA elections in several years, said Joseph Maresco, SGA advisor.

"We had a very good voter turnout," Maresco said.

According to Maresco 521 ballots were cast in the election, a small decrease from last year's extremely suc-

cessful election with 554 voters.

Smith's running mate, Kim Kochin, won the position of vice-president by defeating two other candidates. All three are also senators.

Smith, who received 360 votes to his opponent Jonathan Adkins' 143 votes, is currently the house speaker/historian for SGA. Smith claims that he will stand on his platform of getting SGA more widely recognized by and in touch with the student body.

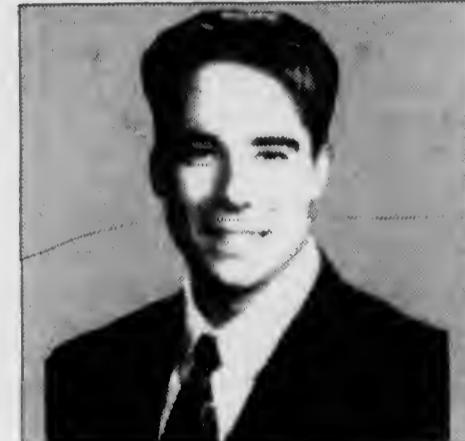
"Some people don't even know what SGA stands for," Smith said. "That is sad, because there are so many opportunities for people to get involved and make changes."

Smith feels he can get the organization and its intents more widely known by publishing a newsletter for resident assistants and by putting a frequent six-minute SGA update on the campus television network. Smith also claims to be concerned with campus related issues like getting day-care for students and faculty.

Adkins, who has run twice before for SGA president, claims that he is not discouraged and is happy for Smith and will stay involved with SGA.

"I wish the best for Mark," Adkins said. "It was great to see so many students get out and vote."

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Mark Smith, a Junior English education major, was elected SGA president in this week's elections

Student charged in alleged fraternity party assault *There still may be more people charged, local police say*

by Matt Peterson
managing editor



Matthew Dorman was charged last Friday with two misdemeanors in the alleged assault of another student

Friday, April 12, the first charges in the alleged March 3 assault of a Mansfield University student at a local fraternity party were filed against another student.

Matthew Dorman, senior, was charged with one count simple assault and one count recklessly endangering another person for the alleged attack on sophomore John Lipsey at a party at the local Phi Kappa Theta house.

"We are alleging that at some point Mr. Dorman punched Mr. Lipsey, knocking him to the ground," said Officer Paul DeLosa of the Mansfield borough police department.

After the initial punch, the police believed that several other individuals may have assaulted Lipsey.

"There's a number of people involved in the incident," DeLosa said.

Dorman's arrest may be the first in several as the incident is still being looked into by the police. More people who were involved in the alleged assault are being sought, DeLosa said.

"We are still investigating the incident," DeLosa said. "There still may be more people charged."

Both counts brought up against Dorman are second degree misdemeanors and hold a maximum penalty of 2 years in jail and a maximum fine of \$5000 for each count, DeLosa said.

Dorman was released on \$5000

bail and will have a preliminary trial at the Mansfield District Justice office on April 25, DeLosa said.

Dorman would not comment on the incident or his arrest.

Ben Derby, president of the local Phi Kappa Theta fraternity, said that the fraternity, as a group, does not feel in danger of prosecution over the incident.

"Right now I don't feel the fraternity is threatened in anyway," Derby said. "A lot of the brotherhood wasn't at the party."

Derby claims that the fraternity has taken appropriate steps against Dorman, but that he also believes that

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Musician/performer Henry Rollins speaks at MU

by Chris McGann
layout editor

Last weekend, rocker Henry Rollins entertained Mansfield University with his spoken word tour.

"It's just me. I don't have a script," Rollins said. "It's like free jazz."

Rollins spoke about his experiences and what he has learned from them. The speech included observations about New York City, domestic items, alcohol and drugs, sex, and a boy who was dying from leukemia.

Rollins said that he hates drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. They don't let him do what he likes most.

"Why would you want to be too anything to f**k?" Rollins asked the audience.

He said that he is anti-control, and drugs control people and make them mediocre.

"There are a million ways to be mediocre in this country," he said.

Rollins' language during the performance was very raw.

"I just like to pollute the air with noise," he informed the audience.

Some parts of the performance

were more serious. He talked about an encounter with a seventeen year old boy who had leukemia in Australia. One of the boy's wishes was to meet Rollins.

He talked about how hard it was to talk to the boy.

"What do you say, 'I hope you don't die?'" Rollins said.

He said that the boy seemed happy after the visit. The boy recently died.

Rollins also talked about moving into an apartment in New York City. His apartment had about two million roaches.

"I cleaned the roaches with the promotional t-shirts that I get from these performances because I don't want to buy a rag," Rollins said.

He said that he does not like buying domestic items like hand towels and he assumed that every apartment comes furnished with can openers.

"I felt so weak having to go in and buy hand towels," he said. "(And) you know who puts can openers in apartments-the same people who put Gideon bibles in motel rooms."

Rollins said that he has a book coming out this month that deals with

his experiences traveling around the country.

"I inhaled America for ten years

and exhaled it into this book," he said.

Much of the book deals with

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Lack of funding cancels free HIV testing on campus

by Joe Wagner
staff reporter

The HIV testing clinic at Maple health clinic planned for May has been canceled.

Budget cutbacks have hampered the ability of the public health system to give the test, said Jan Keeney-Hunt, Bradford County head of public health.

"We have had to eliminate some of our outreach professionals," said Keeney-Hunt. "There's not enough people to go around. I only have one nurse for the entire Tioga county."

Because of the cutbacks, the system has been consolidated. HIV testing for Tioga county is now done only at the State Health Center which is located at the Ames Plaza in Wellsboro.

Appointments are now necessary for the HIV blood test. When the

clinic was held at Mansfield University, a student could walk in and request a test whenever he or she wished.

The second reason for closing the clinic is that two weeks are required to test the blood samples for HIV. If the clinic was given in May, the students who got tested would be on summer break when the results were released.

"It was hard to do a test and guarantee that we'd be back in two weeks," said William Clark, a community health nurse.

The final reason given for the shutdown is that not many students requested to be tested for HIV.

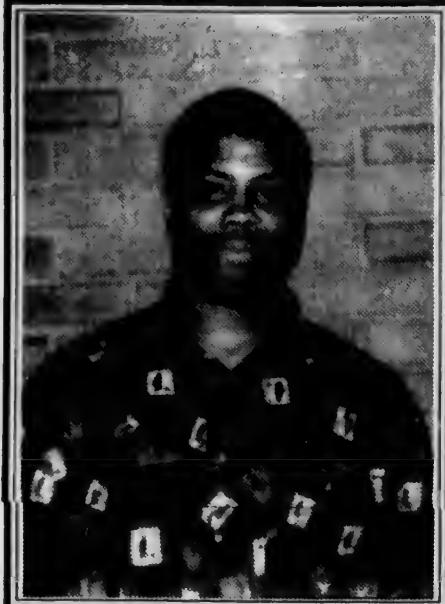
"We just didn't have that many kids come in," Clark said.

Keeney-Hunt said that right now shutting down the clinic is not a question of funding. There is, however, a possibility that HIV testing will be dropped from the state budget next year.

Student Voices

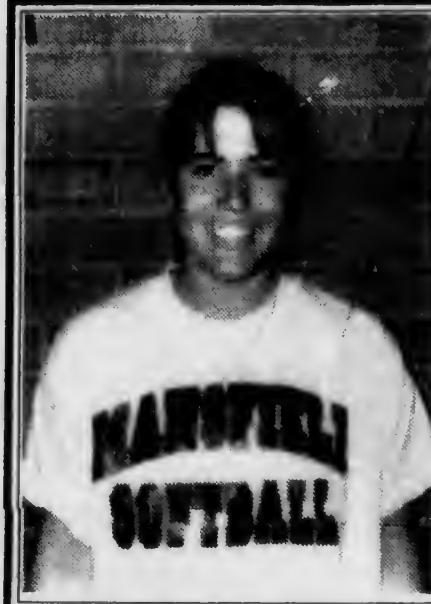
by Cindy Albano

Q. "Did you vote in the SGA elections? Why or why not?"



Ed Coley
Sophomore

"Yes, because I wanted a say in what goes on campus?"



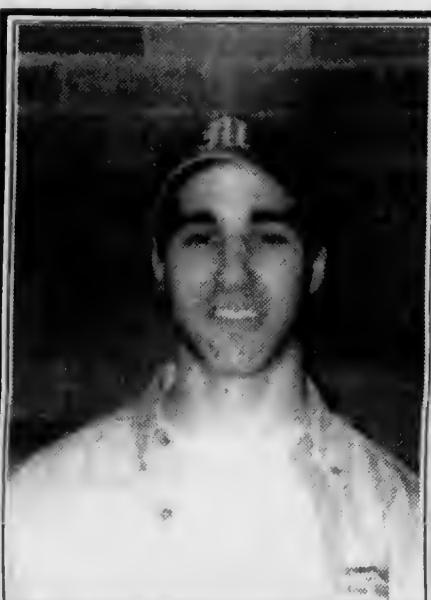
Sherry Thompson
Junior

"Yes, because it's important for the students."



Sharitta Bowie
Junior

"Yes, because we need student representation on the college campus to voice and express the opinions of the student body."



Chris Pitsilos
Senior

"No, As soon as two quality individuals run for president I'll vote - I don't vote for politicians."

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Kochin won with 259 votes to opponents Suzanna Acevedo's 149 votes and Ben Calder's 86 votes. She wished to thank all those who supported her.

"I'm very pleased so many people showed confidence in me," Kochin said.

Kochin hopes that with a new senatorial body next year, many changes

can be made in SGA.

"We are going to reorganize and go through all the problems that have arisen this year and try to work them out," Kochin said.

The outcome of the senatorial election was not available as of press time, but 17 senators are expected to serve next year, Maresco said.

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Dorman was not the only one involved in the incident.

"There were others involved but they have not stepped forward," Derby said.

There have also been rumors of

a possible lawsuit against the fraternity put forth by Lipsey but Derby claims that the fraternity has not been notified of one.

"We haven't been served papers yet," Derby said.

The *Flashlight* was unable to reach Lipsey for comment.

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sexual morality and the racism that occurs in the county.

The Rollins performance was preceded by a poetry reading by a Pennsylvania based writer. According to WNTE general manager Ben Nevin, who introduced the show the speaker, the poet is on Rollins' publishing label.

Bill Shields read from three of his books which dealt with his experiences in Vietnam as a Navy Seal.

"I'm almost 44 and still waiting to finish my tour of Vietnam," Shields said.

According to Mansfield Activities Council Vice President Cindy Albano, several hundred people showed up to the performance.

"It was a good performance," Albano said. "I've had many students come up to me and tell me how much they enjoyed the show."

Police Beat

04/11/96

10:28 Report of theft. Violin stolen from second floor locker area in Butler Center.

16:05 Report of theft. Items stolen from room in Cedarcrest.

04/13/96

19:00 Report of theft. Banner taken from Manser Lobby.

19:30 Vehicle vandalized in T-Lot.

04/14/96

16:30 Report of theft. Items stolen from room in Cedarcrest.

04/15/96

11:06 Vehicle towed to Eddies Truck Stop. 78 outstanding tickets.

11:18 Medical call. Student feeling faint in South Side Manser.

Transported to Maple B Clinic.

11:25 Unknown individual threw object out of Pinecrest sixth floor stairwell window. Unable to locate any objects.

04/16/96

00:50 Report of marijuana smell in dorm. Subject exited Maple B and ran towards second street.

11:10 Abandoned vehicle towed from Cedarcrest loading dock. Unable to contact owner.

04/17/96

11:30 Report of harassment of employee by unknown individual.

12:07 Report of harassment of student by phone calls. Trace put on phone.

13:50 Alarm at MAC machine in Manser Hall. Bank notified. Machine checked.

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Livestock music festival to be held on Saturday

by Josh Cusatis
staff reporter

This Saturday, the sixth annual Livestock festival entitled, "The Music Festival Formerly Known as Livestock," will be held in South Hall Mall.

The festival, which will last from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., will feature bands, carnival-like events and booths run by students.

Each year the festival has an off-campus organization featured. This year Rock the Vote has sent voter registration forms as well as pledges for students to sign saying that they

will vote in the 1996 Presidential elections. Students will receive buttons and/or stickers in return for signing the forms.

The Mansfield University Jazz Band will open the festival at 11 a.m. followed by J.A.M. at 11:45 a.m., the Barking Spiders at 12:30 p.m., Scott Turner at 1:30 p.m., Nick Ippoliti at 2:30 p.m., the Angry Young Dandelion at 3:30 p.m., and the Psychadelic Cropdusters at 4:30 p.m. The ska band Spring Heeled Jack will close the festival starting at 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Spring Heeled Jack is from Monroe, Connecticut and was asked to play at MU when

Robert Thomas, senior member of the Mansfield Activities Council, WNTE and the Student Government Association, saw them play in Wilkes-Barre last August.

"They're the best live ska band I've ever seen," Thomas said.

According to Thomas, ska music is a mix of calypso, punk, reggae, and rock.

"It's upbeat music to party to," Thomas said.

The carnival events, human bowling and a dunk tank, are being brought here courtesy of Bobby K Entertainment of Elmira, New York.

Both of these events will have prizes for students to win.

"We're able to bring these carnival events here because of SGA's decision to co-sponsor the festival with us (MAC) which gave us up to \$1,500 in extra money," Cindy Albano, MAC vice-president, said. "SGA's decision was brought on by Rock the Vote's involvement in the festival."

According to Albano, the booths this year will feature an array of campus activities from sororities and fraternities to clubs and unions.

The Manser Dining Facilities will be serving dinner

in South Hall Mall while the cafeteria will be closed during the festival. The Mountie Den will still be open for students who do not wish to eat in the mall.

According to both Albano and Thomas, the Music Festival Formerly Known as Livestock should go over very well with the student community.

"If you have at least two senses you can enjoy Livestock," Thomas said.

In case of rain the entire festival will be moved into the Recreation Center gymnasium.

MU concert choir to tour Europe this May

by Kristyn E. Stackhouse
copy editor

The Mansfield University Concert Choir will go on a two week tour through Europe at the conclusion of this semester.

The choir, under the direction of Dr. Peggy Dettwiler, Director of Choral Activities at MU, will perform May 14-23 in Florence, Venice, Salzburg, Heidelberg and Paris. According to Dettwiler, the group has also been invited to participate with 27 choirs from all over the world in the "Florilegium Vocal de Tours Festival," a three day international choir competition in Tours, France.

"I think it's a wonderful honor to be invited to participate," Dettwiler said. "It's also a wonderful opportunity to hear all of these choirs with a unique sound and cultural history. It will be an opening."

The Concert Choir is a select ensemble of singers that

represent MU on concert tours. Most of the members of the choir are undergraduate music majors although membership is open to all students at the university.

Dettwiler submitted a tape of the choir's performances to the selection committee for the international competition in hopes that the group would have the honor to compete in Europe.

"We've planned to go to Europe for several years," Dettwiler said. "This was the perfect chance for us."

The MU Concert Choir's tape was accepted and the group was the only choir from North America to receive the invitation to compete at the international competition this year.

Heather Harrier, a sophomore music education major and member of the concert choir, is excited about the chance to travel abroad.

"It's really a great honor to be invited to this competition," Harrier said. "There's only been one North American

school to ever win (the competition) and we'll be the only choir from North America to have the chance to win again this year."

Dettwiler chose a variety of musical pieces for the tour that have been written by composers in cities that the group will visit. She also chose American pieces that include spirituals to be performed on tour.

"The most exciting thing about the trip for me is that we'll be able to perform music we've actually written," said Tim Griffin, a senior music merchandising major and member of the choir.

There are strict guidelines that the choir must follow for the competition, Dettwiler said. The two categories that the MU Concert Choir will compete in are the mixed chorus and the free program. The mixed chorus includes both men and women. Free program allows the group flexibility in its repertoire. The choir will perform three songs a cappella, or unac-

panied, that are between seven and 11 minutes long. Each song must be from a different period of history.

If the choir wins that competition, it would bring home \$3,000 and be invited back to Europe at a later date to perform at another European music festival.

The university is not funding the tour in its entirety. It has given 10% of the total cost of the tour to the group. There is also a tour donor program that includes anyone who donated money to the cause. Students participating in the tour were asked to raise their own money for the trip.

"It's really moving to hear stories of students who have raised their own money by giving concerts in their hometowns," Dettwiler said. "We feel a lot of support from the community. Some people have donated five to seven hundred dollars."

Dettwiler said that one donor sent an envelope with shaky handwriting on the out-

side of it. She said that you could tell that it was written by an elderly person. Inside the envelope was \$5.

"A note included on the inside of the envelope said that the money was for a member of the choir, but the lady just said to tell her it was 'from a neighbor,'" Dettwiler said. "I just broke down and cried."

Members of the choir are anticipating the tour, not just the opportunity to win a competition at a prestigious festival, said Katie Asman, a senior psychology major and member of the choir.

"The tour will be an amazing experience within itself," Asman said. "The trip will leave behind memories to last forever. But, it would be totally amazing to win the competition. It would be the cherry on top of the sundae."

The Mansfield University Concert Choir's final performance before the tour will be held Saturday, April 20, at 8 p.m. in Steadman Theater. Tickets are \$2 for students and \$5 for general admission.

Libertarian speaker speaks against big government

by Joe Wagner
staff reporter

Edward L. Hudgins, a member of the Kato Institute expounded the ideals of Libertarianism and civil society to a packed audience at Mansfield University's Memorial Hall last Tuesday.

"I am considered to be on the radical fringe by some people," said Hudgins.

Hudgins is a staunch Libertarian and member of the Kato Institute think tank. He received his doctoral degree from Catholic University and taught at the University of Maryland. He is also the editor of *The Regulator* magazine and has appeared on C-span. He openly opposes political correctness.

Hudgins explained his view that the two parties of the U.S. government are neither attentive nor consistent with the

people's wants, needs, and rights. He blamed the "contradicting policies" of big government for the decay of society.

Hudgins preached the Libertarian ideology that federal government should only secure our rights and protect against foreign invaders. A federal government should not be able to coerce its citizens into living only to advance the state. Hudgins proclaimed that the rights of the individual should be given more precedence than the right of the collective whole.

"Individualism leads to voluntary cooperation that is good for everyone," Hudgins said.

Hudgins then explained the way that government coerces people through economic systems. He described the "iron triangle" theory formed of politicians, constituents, and bureaucrats that hinders economic growth.

"Regulations pile on

top of one another," he said. "The more government you have, the less it works."

Big government also initiates powerful political coercion against its people, Hudgins said.

"You are hardly being civil when you introduce power and coercion into a society," Hudgins stated.

Hudgins' antidote for the degradation of moral infrastructure and the loss of pride created by big government is to delete all non-essential programs of federal government. Some of the programs on Hudgins' chopping block are health care, welfare and public schools.

Hudgins closed his hour-long presentation by asking for questions. Many people in the audience had questions for the Libertarian. Most were distressed at his radical ideas. Hudgins answered several questions pertaining to the environ-

ment, individual rights, and private correctional facilities.

A short but heated debate ensued when a member of the audience questioned Hudgins' moral values of an issue about African smugglers. Hudgins was quoted as saying: "I wish they would kill off more of their officials and create their own

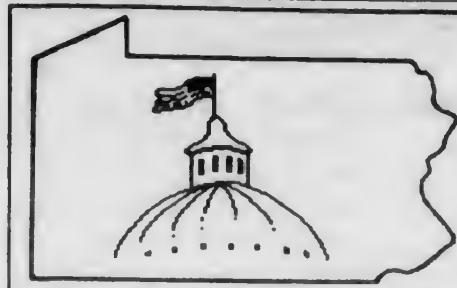
countries."

These black marketeers ply their smuggling trade despite it being illegal.

Hudgins replied by saying that African governmental officials are mostly thugs and that he was just making a point. He said that if anyone thought that he was serious "they should lighten up."



(L to R) Autumn Lantz, Eman Domboski, and Anmarie Ruggiero rehearse seascape which will show From April 25-28 in Straugh Auditorium. The play starts at 8:00 p.m. except the Sunday matinee which starts at 2:00 p.m.



Pennsylvania in the News

Pa college newspaper apologizes for racial slur

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A writer's description of immigrants as "parasites" has prompted the University of Pittsburgh's campus newspaper to apologize and a students' group to organize a rally aimed at improving the image of immigrants.

In a column headlined "Immigration Equals Excess," student Jason Curtis advocated revising the U.S. Constitution to protect only people born to U.S. citizens. He said that would deny welfare benefits to children of illegal immigrants.

"Perhaps by concentrating on educating our own people rather than sheltering parasites, we would not even miss these people," Curtis said March 25 in The Pitt News.

Curtis also criticized the residents of "Chinese-speaking Asia" for distributing a book of instructions on how to milk the "American welfare state."

On Monday, the paper printed a brief apology and published a student's letter criticizing Curtis.

The International Socialist Organization at Pitt scheduled a meeting for 8:15 a.m. today about "how to end racist immigrant-bashing," according to the group's announcement.

Mark Gordon, editor of the 20,000-circulation paper, said another editor allowed the "parasite" comment into the paper as an oversight.

"I understand why people are upset. They have a right to be. It was an offens-

sive comment," Gordon said Tuesday.

Before the outcry, Curtis was not expected to write another column in the three remaining weeks of school, said Gordon. Curtis did not return a message left for him at the newspaper and editors there did not have his home telephone number.

"It's very biased. I don't really know about all the facts he used in that article," said David Lieu, a biology student who immigrated to western Pennsylvania with his parents from Vietnam in 1980. His family runs a restaurant in Irwin, about 15 miles east of Pittsburgh.

The executive director of the Student Press Law Center said Curtis wouldn't have much of a case if he sued.

"The courts have held that in the case of student newspapers, the First Amendment rights rest with the editor or editors regarding content, and any response or apology they want to make is within their authority. Any columnist who's unhappy could just decide to stop writing for that paper," the law center's Mark Goodman said from Arlington, Va.

Sheldon Lu, a professor of East Asian languages and literature, encouraged students in his Chinese cinema class to raise a fuss about the column.

"That kid needs an education and some knowledge of Asian history," Lu said.

He noted the contributions of Chinese to the railroads of the West.

American troops return from Bosnia, reunite with families

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — After four months patrolling muddy terrain in a Serb district, Tommy Rice had few words to describe seeing his 3-month old son Nicholas for the first time.

"It's incredible," said Rice, a 23-year-old Army sergeant deployed near Brcko as he gingerly handed the infant, born Jan. 18, back to his wife Lara.

Rice was among the first 135 American troops flown back to Germany from Bosnia on Monday for two weeks' R & R since the NATO-led deployment began in December. U.S. troops may also choose to take their leave in the United States, and the first group will leave for Philadelphia around April 23.

As she waited for her husband with baby Nicholas, Lara Rice, 23, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., voiced a sentiment shared by many of the wives: "It will be hard when he's here, to have to go back."

Dozens of wives waiting at Rhine Main Air Base south of Frankfurt strained to get a glimpse of the men as they were briefed at the U.S. Air Force passenger terminal after a two-hour flight.

Among them was Janet Kaminski, 21, of Independence, Kan., who was holding her 4 1/2 month-old daughter Kaitlyn, just five days old when her father Spc. John Kaminski left for Bosnia. "She's been starting to do a lot of things. She rolls over by herself, she coos, laughs, he hasn't seen that," Mrs. Kaminski said.

Kaminski rushed to embrace his wife when he arrived at the luggage area. Kaitlyn was squeezed between the two and gave a wide-eyed stare as they kissed.

Spc. Russell Mills, 25, another 1st Armored Division soldier who deployed to Bosnia in December, also saw his month-old son Sydney for the first time.

"Oh God, wonderful!" the Suffield, Conn.-native said as he gazed at the infant and hugged his wife.

Kelly Kellogg waited with her children, 3-year-old Sean and 8-year-old Alyssa, for her husband, 1st Lt. Mike Kelly, an Apache helicopter pilot based at Tuzla West.

Alyssa held a neatly drawn "Welcome back Daddy," sign decorated with yellow ribbons.

Mrs. Kellogg said she had planned a brief family vacation in the Canary Islands. "I'm so glad, I wish it were for good. ... But it's good for his career, he's been getting in a lot of flying time," Mrs. Kellogg said.

With the long wait over, neither the troops nor their families gave much time to philosophizing over the reunions and quickly left the base for their homes.

The military has said thousands more will be returning to Germany and the United States over the coming months, and they have warned the troops not to expect too much during their short reunions.

Democrats hoping to regain control in house

HARRISBURG (AP) — With 11 open seats, and Republicans hanging on to the majority by one vote, Democrats hope to retake control of the House, which they lost in 1994 when one of their own members switched parties.

Six Democrats and five Republicans will retire this year, and leaders in both parties have staked their electoral fortunes on those seats.

"We don't feel any Democratic incumbents are in jeopardy," said Rep. Michael Veon, D-Beaver. "We feel the real battle is in the open seats."

With Republican Gov. Tom Ridge and a Republican-controlled Legislature, capturing the 203-member House is the Democrats best chance in 1996. The GOP has a substantial Senate majority, and is expected to hold that chamber.

Open House seats in Allegheny, Westmoreland and Cambria counties are expected to stay in Democratic hands. But two open seats in Centre and Clarion counties and one in Allegheny County, each with retiring Democrats, have strong Republican voter registrations.

Veon, the Democratic policy chairman, said strong candidates will need to emerge from the April 23 primaries in Clarion and Allegheny if the party wants to keep these seats.

On the Republican side, it appears the seat held by Rep. Joseph Pitts, R-Chester, will remain in GOP hands. The Democrats did not field a primary candidate, and Chris Ross has no GOP primary opponent.

Pitts is running for the congressional seat held by retiring U.S. Rep. Robert Walker, a Republican.

Three other seats in Crawford, Delaware and Mercer counties have strong Republican voter registration numbers, but a GOP-held seat in the Lehigh Valley is in Democratic territory.

Northampton Republican Rep. Robert Nyce, who is running for state auditor general, won the seat in 1990. Veon believes the Democrats can regain it, but GOP leaders say the seat is not a sure bet for Democrats.

Once traditional Democratic ground, the Lehigh Valley's changing demographics the last decade have favored Republicans as more white collar professionals move in from New York and New Jersey.

"When you look at the growth of the Republican Party, it's out of the Lehigh Valley," House Majority Leader Rep. John Perzel, R-Philadelphia said.

Democrats have lost seats in the valley in recent years. The GOP will try to take

two more this year, from Reps. Lisa Boscola, D-Bethlehem, and Joseph Corpora, D-Northampton. Boscola has no primary opponent; Corpora has two.

Democrats also have targeted first-term Republicans, Reps. Pat Browne of Lehigh and Julie Harhart of Northampton, who defeated 10-year incumbent Frank Yandrisevits by some 60 votes in 1994.

Browne and Harhart have no primary opponents. But Harhart may again face Yandrisevits. He is running again, but has two primary opponents.

"There are more seats in that one geographic area that will be hotly contested than any other area in the state," Veon said.

Though Rep. Thomas Stish, R-Luzerne, has no primary opponent, Republicans intend to heavily defend the seat. Gov. Tom Ridge has already showed up for a fund-raiser.

Democrats are eager to unseat Stish, a former Democrat whose switch to Republican after the 1994 election threw the House into GOP hands.

"He's at the top of our list," Veon said. "We're going to wage a very aggressive campaign against him."

Of the two candidates in that district's Democratic primary, Hazelton businessman Todd Eachus is the party's favorite to run against Stish.

In the Senate, Democrats are outnumbered 29-20 by Republicans, who control the flow of legislation.

But Democrats are optimistic they will make headway because three of the four retiring senators are Republicans. Democrats believe they can win at least one of those open seats.

One roadblock may be a potentially bitter Democratic primary in the 39th Senatorial District between Rep. Allen Kukovich and Sen. Gene Porterfield.

"It's no secret that we have a fierce battle going on," said Jack Freed, spokesman for Senate Democrats. The contest could stir enough ill will to open the door for GOP candidate Charles Frederickson who is unopposed.

"You never know what could happen if it's a bloody, devastating primary that leaves deep wounds and splits traditional support," Freed said. "It could be a wedge that Republicans are looking for."

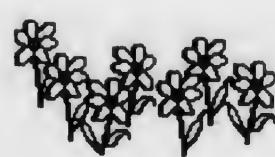
Democrats are also after the 37th Senatorial District seat in Allegheny County. Republican D. Michael Fisher is stepping down to run for state attorney general, creating an opportunity for Greg Fajt, who now serves in the state House.

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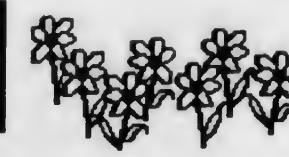


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Campus Bulletin Board



On Thursdays, beginning April 11, the student volunteer advocates will provide a support group for victim of sexual assault, dating violence and sexual harassment to relate their feelings. the support group will be held in the Women's center, Pinecrest 102, between 7 - 8 p.m. All communications are confidential.

The Department of Public Education of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is attempting to organize campus groups nationwide. Some of the liveliest debates about American freedoms are occurring on college campuses. If you are interested, please contact Prof. Gertzman, 08 Belknap Hall (ext 4587).

Native American Students Association: (NASA) Recognized on campus since 1992, we hold meetings every Thurs. in the Native American Students Lounge in Pinecrest, rm 101. Any interested students are welcome to attend.

Pacific Northwest Native Contemporary Art An exhibit of limited-edition serigraphs University gallery, Manser Hall April 1 - May 11, 1996
Gallery hours: M.W.F. 12-5 & T.Th. 12-4:30 pm.



The Interim General Education Policy ends with the close of the 1996 summer sessions. Page 7 of the fall 1996 Master Schedule contains a listing of the courses approved for inclusion in each of the five groups available for General Education for the 1996 fall term. There appears to be some question regarding courses that a student may take to meet distribution requirements in the General Education Electives category. (As indicated on page 7, students may take one Professional Elective in this category and all courses with the following prefixes are also permitted: ARH, ART, COM, HON, MUS, THT.) Please note that any course at the 100 through 400 level with a prefix that is approved for inclusion in Groups I through V may be used to meet General Education Electives requirements.

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Centralized tutoring more beneficial to students

About three years ago, the tutoring services offered by each department were moved and centralized in South Hall with Cindy Thorp as the coordinator. However, in an attempt to reduce budget costs, the administration is thinking of eliminating the centralized tutoring services provided by the Academic Success Center.

We at the *Flashlight* believe the student tutors involved in the tutorial services, along with Cindy Thorp, have been continually striving to reach the students that need help. Without this service, students will be unable to receive the help they need to succeed academically.

The fact that the Academic Success Center is the nucleus of the tutoring services makes it much more accessible and easier to become a part of. If the tutoring services are divided up among the different departments, then students may find it more frustrating and difficult to access these services. There is definitely something to be said for going to one centralized area and having all your needs met. It takes much more effort for students to go to different departments and run around and try to find a tutor. Sometimes this extra effort makes the difference of whether a student will even try to get a tutor.

Also, the tutorial services offered at the Academic Success Center are more personal and comfortable than tutorial services offered by separate departments at the university.

No tutorial software can help a student learn the way a peer can, especially when that peer has taken the same class and knows what the professor expects out of his or her students. Many individuals who need help would sooner go to a classmate to get help than sit down at a computer and try to learn through impersonal programs.

Often, struggling students just need to talk through the problem they're facing with someone who understands.

Over the years, the increased number of people seeking tutoring at the center seems to indicate its success. Students seem to be extremely comfortable with the atmosphere that the Academic Success Center provides. We think that it would be a shame to eliminate the program and place the responsibility of tutorial services back into the hands of the departments.

Professors often refute the need for tutors and are insulted when it is assumed that they are not teaching their classes well enough themselves. Really though, the problems many students face in class have more to do with the concepts they're dealing with rather than the professor of the class.

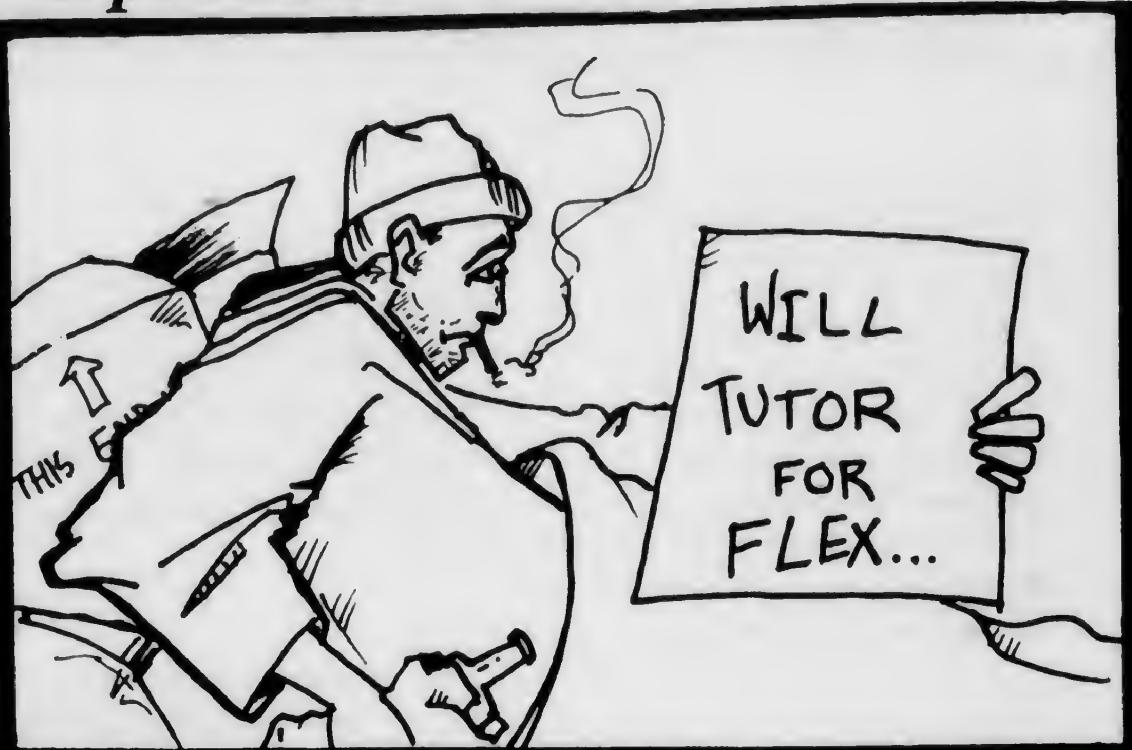
The name, Academic Success Center, shows what Cindy Thorp hopes to provide to students; a simple way to achieve success in their studies. There is no reason to reduce the program to anything less than that.

The help that the peer tutors offer supplements what the professors teach in their classes. They are also sympathetic to problems and concerns because they, as students, had experienced similar problems. Professors are not able to offer this kind of support.

Speaking from the point of view of concerned students, we think that the dissolution of the Academic Success Center would be counter-productive to the academic goals of the university.

Commentary policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary you may turn it in to the *Flashlight* office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writer's name, major, class and phone number. Non-students are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week, we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.



Hey everyone! This space is reserved for you and your comments. We at the *Flashlight* would love to hear what you have to say! Write your thoughts down and send them to the *Flashlight* Office at 217 Memorial Hall or just drop them off. Express your feelings about the paper, about campus, about the way things are run, about anything. Just get your pen handy, put your thoughts on paper, sign them and send them out to us so we can print them.

Letters to the editor policy

The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is not willing to take responsibility for the letter's content. So, why should we?

In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The *Flashlight* reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the *Flashlight* office, 217 Memorial Hall, Monday through Friday, or mailed to the above address.

Commentary

The wedding season is a magical time for the bride



Dave Barry

We're coming into wedding season, a magical time when the radiant bride, on her Most Special Day, finally makes that long-awaited walk down the Aisle of Joyfulness to stand next to the Man of Her Dreams, only to sprint back up the Aisle of Joyfulness when she suddenly realizes that she forgot to pluck out her Middle Eyebrow Hairs of Grossness! Because the bride knows that a wedding video is forever. She knows that, 20 she could be showing her video to friends, and as soon as she left the room they'd turn to each other and say, "What WAS that on her forehead? A tantrula?"

Oh yes, there is a LOT of pressure on today's bride to make her Big Day fabulous and perfect. Overseeing a modern wedding is comparable, in terms

of complexity, to flying the space shuttle; in fact, it's WORSE, because shuttle crew members don't have to select their silver pattern. This is done for them by ground-based engineers:

COMMAND CENTER: OK, Discovery, we're gonna go with the "Fromage de Poisson" pattern, OK?

DISCOVERY: Houston, we have a problem with the asparagus server.

Of course, the bride does get some help. The multibillion-dollar U.S. wedding industry—the second-largest industry in the United States, behind the latte industry—helps the bride by publishing monthly bridal magazines the size of the U.S. tax code full of products that the bride absolutely HAS to have and checklists relentlessly the bride of all the decisions she has to make RIGHT NOW concerning critical issues such as the florist and the caterer and the cake and the centerpieces and the formal cocktail reception. (Of COURSE there have to be guest favors at the formal cocktail reception! Don't you know ANYTHING?)

Of course, the groom has responsibilities, too. According to ancient tradition, on the morning of the wedding the groom must check the TV listings to make sure there is no playoff game scheduled during the ceremony, because if there is he would have to miss it (the ceremony).

But the other 19 million wedding details are pretty much left up to the bride; this is why, when she finally

gets to her Most Special Day, she is clinically insane. Exhibit A is Princess Diana. People ask: What went wrong? Princess Diana had the Fairy Tale Wedding of the Century!" Yes! Exactly! YOU try planning the Fairy Tale Wedding of the Century! This poor woman didn't just have to think about party favors; she had HORSES in her wedding. A LOT of them. Just try to imagine the etiquette issues: What color should the horses be? Should they be invited to the reception? Should they have centerpieces? What if they EAT the centerpieces? These are just a few of the issues Princess Diana was grappling with while Prince Charles was out riding around whacking grouse with a polo mallet. No wonder there was tension!

But it's not just Princess Diana: Wedding planning makes ALL brides crazy. Anybody who doubts this statement should investigate what actually goes on at a "bridal shower. I don't know about you, but I used to think that a shower was just a sedate little party wherein the bride's women friends gave thoughtful little gifts to the bride and ate salads with low-fat dressing on the side. Wrong! You would not BELIEVE the bizarre things women do at these affairs. For example, I have it on excellent authority that women at showers play this game wherein teams compete to see who can make the best wedding dress OUT OF TOILET PAPER. I'm not making this up! Ask a shower attendee! If a MAN were to wrap himself in a personal

hygiene product, he'd immediately be confined in a room with no sharp objects, but this is considered normal behavior for a woman planning a wedding.

I have been informed by an informed source that women at bridal showers also sometimes play a variation of "Pin the Tail on the Donkey," except that instead of a picture of a donkey, they use a picture of a man, and instead of a tail, they use something that is not a tail, if you get my drift. I am not suggesting that Princess Diana played this game at her shower, and I am certainly not suggesting that the Queen did, so just get that mental picture out of your mind right now.

All I'm saying is that, with spring upon us, you may find yourself near a woman in the throes of planning a wedding; if so, you need to recognize that she is under severe pressure, and above all you need to do EXACTLY AS SHE SAYS. If she wants you to wrap yourself in toilet paper, or purchase and wear a bridesmaid's dress that makes you look like a walking sarclounger, JUST DO IT. You should do it even if you are the groom. Because this is the bride's Most Special Day, and you want to help her make sure every thing is exactly the way you want it when the two of you finally stand together in front of all your friends and loved ones, and you gaze upon her face, and you say the words she has been waiting a lifetime to hear: "Hey! What's that between your eyebrows?"

The provost wishes to remind students who do not meet the university's minimum academic requirements at the end of the 1996 spring term and thus face academic dismissal of two options available at that time:

- 1) A student may appeal his/her dismissal before the Academic Standards Review Board in May and if reinstated follow the requirements specified by the Hearing Board.
- 2) A student academically dismissed for the first time will be permitted to enroll in classes during the 1996 summer sessions. If a student chooses to do so, then he/she should repeat, where possible, courses in which they received a D or F. The student's academic progress will be reviewed at the close of the summer sessions, and if at that time the student meets the university's minimum academic requirements he/she will be reinstated for the 1996 fall term. In selecting courses to repeat or new courses, a student should be sure to work with an advisor. If the student's advisor is not available, then the Office of the Provost will provide assistance for the student.

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Mentionables

Do you know where your activity money is going?

by Cindy Albano and
Bryan Murphy
Miffed MAC members

Right now we are sitting here listening to WNTE, flipping through last week's *Flashlight*, and wondering what the hell we are going to type next. We have a million things rushing through our minds, but since we're not writers, we seem to be having a hard time putting our thoughts into coherent sentences. We guess we'll just get right down to the reason we decided to write this in the first place...

WE'RE MAD AS HELL, AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE IT ANYMORE!

As anyone in any campus organization knows, April is budget request month. Each year C.O.F. (The Committee on Finance) interrogates student leaders, as well as some faculty members, as to why they believe that their organization is worthy of receiving a portion of your Student Activities Fee. After the interrogation sessions end, C.O.F. then decides the amount of money to be allocated to each organization. This is a highly subjective

process (despite what you might hear from a member) that is based on the personal feelings of how well an organization performed in the past year.

You may be asking, "Are you two on C.O.F.?" And the answer to that is no.

Now you may be asking, "Well, how do you know that this process is so highly subjective (despite what a member tells me)?" That answer is simple -- look at the distribution of funds this year as opposed to the distribution of funds last year, then look at the performances of those organizations over the past year. The numbers say it all.

For instance, take Mansfield Activities Council, they got cut almost \$18,000 for next year's budget. We can see how the cut was justified, wrestling (a word seldom heard out of the mouths of living MAC members) was a good, fun program, but much too much money was spent for the attendance they got. KRS-ONE, again, good program, but the attendance just wasn't there.

Now take sports, oh wait, that's not a good example -- they got a \$33,000 increase. How were their records this year? Let's just say that, for instance, the football team, won ONE of its games

this fall. We are having trouble getting the actual numbers of win/losses this past year but we do know that most of the teams did not favor the "wins" column. So how did they get another \$33,000!?

Well, we guess we have to say that about \$20,000 of that went to Recreational Sports because of the opening of the new Recreation Center next year, we guess. But, that still leaves about \$13,000 that did not go to Recreational sports, which are open to ALL students. Can ANYONE get on the Football team, or even the Basketball team, or the Field Hockey team? Certainly not, not if you have no ability, which brings us to our next question, if not everyone can join these teams, why do they get funding from C.O.F.?

Now, to all you sports people out there who are saying, "Wait a freakin' minute, ANYONE can try out!" Sure, anyone can TRY OUT, but if, say, we wanted to be on a team -- neither of us could, no matter how hard we tried, because the ability just isn't there. However, we could get a team together and be in the Recreational Sports program, regardless of how badly we suck.

How about, WNTE, you know our Campus Radio Station. They got

over \$2000 less than they did last year. We can't wait to see how well, the programming on Giant is next year with the huge budget of just under \$5000. Inside sources say that it will almost be impossible to run the station on that amount. Plus, has their performance gone down or up? We think up -- hell, we actually tuned it in this year! They knew that they HAD to increase their quality and performance in order to upgrade (which has been put on hold yet again...). So that's what they did, bettered their performance and quality. So why did they get cut?

What about Student Government Association? Well, we won't mention them, they got cut, but actually COULD have done something about it -- veto the proposed budget -- did they? NO! How do we know this? We were the only two SGA Senators that actually voted "No" to the budget (Please don't hate us because we're Senators!).

The moral of this story is: BE THE INFORMED STUDENT! If you were at the SGA meeting (which is open to ALL students) you might have been able to sway the other Senators into voting "No" to this budget, which means that it would have been sent back to C.O.F. to be redone. GET INVOLVED!

New film, *Executive Decision*, more bang for your buck!

by Bryan Murphy
staff critic

Executive Decision
Starring: Kurt Russell, Steven Seagal, Halle Barry
Director: Stuart Biard
Rated R

This week, as promised a few weeks ago, I will review *Executive Decision*. This film is directed by Stuart Biard and stars Kurt Russell (as Dr. David Grant), David Suchet (as Nagi Hassan), Halle Barry (as Jean, a stewardess), John Leguizamo (as Rat), Oliver Platt (as Cahill), Joe Morton (as Cappy), Whip Hubley (as Baker), B. D. Wong (as Louie), and Steven Seagal (as Lt. Col. Austin Travis). With this many big stars, it had to be good, right? I'll tell you in a minute or two.

Executive Decision starts out in the Middle-East where a group of commandos, led by Travis, are trying to take out a suspected safe house that is holding DZ-5, the most powerful nerve toxin in the world -- they don't find any.

The movie then cuts to a dinner party a couple of months later where Dr. David Grant is trying to pick up a woman -- how typical of any action flick. He is soon called away to the Pentagon, where we find out that he is in charge of a very trusted intelligence agency -- the same one that gave the mis-information a couple of months earlier. The meeting is run by the Secretary of Defense and there are a lot of high-ranking military officials there, including Travis. The problem is a 747 flying to Dulles Airport in Washington, D.C. has been taken over by Nagi Hassan, the second-in-command of one of the most feared terrorist organizations in the world. He presumably hijacks the plane because his leader was taken prisoner to be extradited to the U.S. However Grant, being knowledgeable about

Hassan, thinks something entirely different -- the plane is to be used as the transport for the DZ-5 nerve toxin.

The committee must decide between allowing the plane to land at Dulles and ignore Grant's theory, or destroy the plane before it has the chance to release its deadly cargo, killing about 400 American passengers.

However, Travis has another idea, board the plane and take it back. Sound impossible? Of course not, not with the help of an experimental jet that can attach itself to another jet in mid-flight (it was originally to be used with the Space Shuttle). Travis proposes that his team, comprised of Rat, Cappy, Louie, and Baker, dock with the 747 and secretly board it. It is decided that they will try Travis' idea first, then if his team fails they will have to shoot the plane down. Two others are asked to join the mission, Grant (for his terrorist intelligence) and Cahill (the designer of the experimental plane).

Starting to sound just like a typical Steven Seagal movie isn't it? Well, you'll soon see a change.

After the plane docks with the 747 and half of the team gets aboard, the problems start -- namely the experimental plane gets ripped off the bottom of the 747 and is destroyed -- killing the most important part of any Steven Seagal Movie (I'll leave it at that). The team also lost the communications equipment when the plane was destroyed, quite a problem. Despite these set-backs, the team forges ahead with its job of taking back the plane.

I'll leave it there, but now back to my question, with that many stars, it had to be good, right? Right! This movie is pretty good, although it does follow the lines of the *Die Hard* series fairly closely. Oh yeah, I can't forget to mention the predictability of it either -- but what action movie today isn't the slightest bit predictable? (None.) The cast worked well together and were all pretty

believable. The special effects -- namely the docking of the plane and the 747 together, as hard as that is to believe -- looked real. This film does keep your attention, building the tension as it goes along. In that department, it's not lack-

ing. All-in-all, I would give this film a "Why not?" rating. I think it's worth spending the extra few bucks to see it in the theaters and get the "theater" feel, as opposed to just the "TV" feel of a video -- but you decide.



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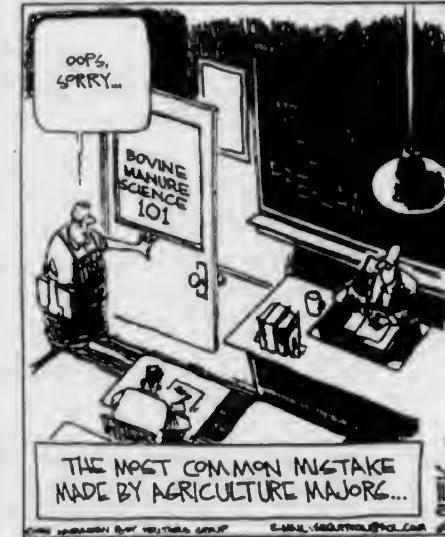
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The Flashlight

MU's Watkins leads the team and conference in wins

by Darren A. Meehan
sports reporter

The Mounties continued to improve their record on the diamond Thursday after bouncing back from a disappointing split with Bloomsburg last weekend.

The Diamond Boys' Tim Watkins threw a near flawless top half of every inning before power hitters like Joe Skelly and Dana Harrold began circling the bases for the bottom half.

Watkins performance cushions his statistics and keeps him in first place in strike outs, wins and ERA. He is now leading with 42 K's during 6 wins and a 0.95 ERA.

Skelly was the first of five Mounties to cross the plate in their 5-1 victory before the bats began swinging harder in the second game.

Harrold continued his adventures around the bases with a home run again in game 2. Greg Robertson and Scott Wilcox also took non-stop voyages around the bases on solo home runs.

By the seventh inning, Kutztown seemed to have risen above the Mounties 7-6. In their now classic style, the Mounties won the game with RBI's courtesy of Robertson and Matt Butler.

Butler's game winning RBI against Kutztown punctuated an overall solid performance for the week. Last Sunday, Butler knocked in a grand slam in the first game of a double header against Bloomsburg.

Despite expert slugging from the entire line-up, the Mounties dropped the first game 12-11 but gained momentum in the second.

Skelly hit 3-4 and boasted three runs in their 11-5 victory. Mike

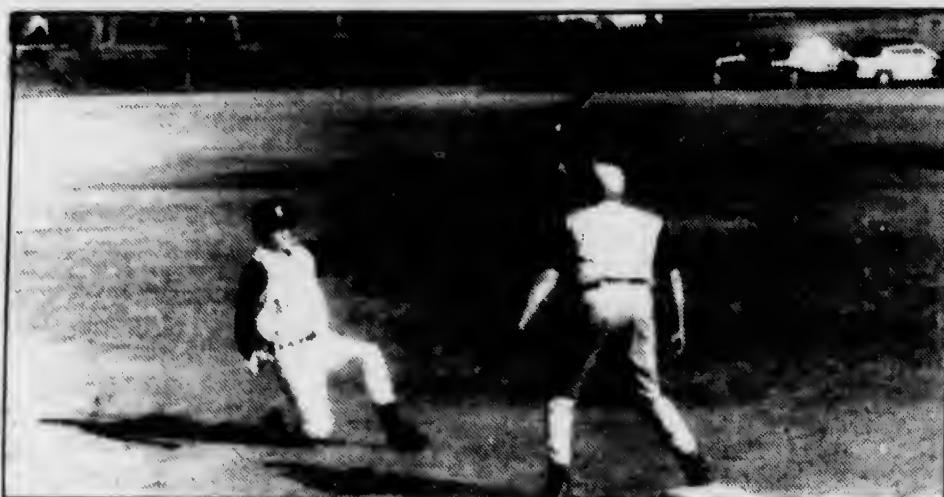


Photo by Darren Meehan

MU diamond boy slides in under the tag in the Mounties victory this week.

Cacciotti's record rose to 3-0 giving the Boys the momentum they needed to sweep their closest ranked opponents Kutztown.

By the end of the game, Kutztown had fallen to 6-5 in the PSAC

and the Mounties risen to a league leading 8-2 in the East.

The team's next home game will be a double header against Shippensburg on Sunday, April 20 at 1:00 p.m.

Mountie women split doubleheader against WCU

by Joe Wagner
sports reporter

The Mansfield University softball team split a double-header with West Chester University last Monday at Lutes Field.

The Mountaineers lost the first contest in nine innings, four innings beyond the normal five inning double-header game. Melissa Tyson pitched the first game. She faced 37 batters and allowed only five hits.

There was no scoring in the first eight innings at all for either team. West Chester finally scored in the top of the ninth on an error that could be attributed to the wet conditions.

The Mountaineers had only 10 runners on base the entire game. They could not combine two hits in any inning to take advantage of scoring position. No Mountaineer had more than one hit.

The Mounties won the second game 6-4. Melissa Stock pitched the entire game for Mansfield. Stock allowed only four hits. The Mountaineers committed no errors.

Both teams put a single point on the board in the first inning. There was no scoring in the second, but Mansfield jumped ahead in the third frame.

The Mounties put together a two out rally and scored five runs on three hits and three walks. West Chester

replied to the Mountie scoring with two runs of their own in the bottom of the inning.

West Chester scored once in the fourth. There was no more scoring and the Mounties held on to take the second game.

Captain centerfielder Christina Dyman led the Mounties in hitting. She had two singles in three at bats. Kristen Harlow, Sherry Thompson, Stephanie Kent and Melissa Tyson each had a hit to help out the Mountaineer effort.

The Mounties traveled to Kutztown last Wednesday. They lost both games of the double-header.

The Mounties were blanked the first game 8-0. They mustered only three

hits for the game and stranded four runners.

The Mountaineers fared no better in the second game. They did manage to score one run on a Carla Hayes single. The Golden Bears of Kutztown, however, scored six runs to take the second game from Mansfield, too.

Melissa Stock took the loss for the Mountaineers. She gave up nine hits including back to back home-runs in the third inning.

Mansfield is now 7-20 overall and 4-8 in the conference. The Mounties next action is Saturday at home against Shippensburg University. Game time is slated for 1 p.m.

MU's Banyar, Kroft perform well at track meet

by Amber Lakits
sports editor

The Mansfield University outdoor track team ran a triangular track meet Wednesday, April 17 at Lock Haven University.

This meet featured Mansfield,

Lock Haven University and Bloomsburg competing. According to Head Coach Jim Taylor this meet will switch off from year to year. In two years, this meet will come home to Mansfield University.

"It will be a real good chance for people to come out and watch the team," Taylor said. "It is a lot of fun to

watch."

For the women, Tami Kroft won in the discuss throw, 119.3. She was already qualified for the conference in her previous performances on the field.

For the men, newcomer Dave Banyar came on strong in the pole-vault competition. His winning jump came in

the distance of 10 feet. Unfortunately, he didn't qualify for conference since he missed the height of 13.6.

Dana Vosburgh also performed well winning the 800 meter.

Flashlight
Athlete of the Week

Tim Watkins



Tim Watkins has been named *Flashlight* Athlete of the Week. In Thursday's game vs. Kutztown, he had seven strike outs (42 total). His 6-0 record and 42 total strike outs is best in the conference.

1996 Mansfield University Softball Statistics												
Batting												
Player	B-Avg.	GP-GS	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	TB	Slg. %	BB
S. Kent	.344	25-25	64	7	22	12	7	0	0	29	.453	6
S. Thompson	.239	24-24	71	8	17	5	4	1	0	23	.324	1
H. Shelleman	.225	17-13	40	5	9	4	2	1	0	13	.325	7
K. Harlow	.237	25-25	76	8	18	9	1	0	0	19	.250	9
B. Fausnaught	.233	24-22	73	5	17	12	5	0	0	22	.301	7
C. Dyman	.277	22-22	65	7	18	5	2	1	0	22	.338	8
B. McManus	.214	24-24	56	5	12	6	3	2	0	19	.339	8
D. Wascher	.208	17-16	48	5	10	2	0	0	0	10	.208	2
L. McCabe	.200	4-0	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	.200	2
C. Hayes	.179	25-25	56	8	10	4	2	0	0	12	.214	12
M. Tyson	.195	24-24	77	7	15	6	2	0	0	17	.221	5
J. Snyder	.000	12-2	10	7	0	2	0	0	0	0	.000	1
M. Stock	.000	7-7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0
Pitching												
Player	W-L	Pct.	ERA	G-GS	CG	SV	SHO	IP	H	R	BB	SO
M. Stock	4-8	.333	2.37	12-12	8	0	0	68.0	72	53	43	15
M. Tyson	3-10	.231	2.15	13-13	12	0	1	91.0	113	52	31	23
B. Fausnaught	0-0	.000	4.20	5-0	0	0	0	10.0	18	20	8	1

Mountaineer Outdoors-sports commentary

by Alan Houck
sports reporter

Officially the PA trout season is off and running. The only catch for the first day anglers of the northern tier was the high, muddy water that the evenings rain brought. This hampered many anglers and frustrated a lot of weekend warriors from the south or "flatlander country."

Many went to the streams in hopes that the water levels were not as high. Their thoughts were only to be proved wrong. I realized that the water levels and the clarity were crucial so I decided to challenge myself and drove over to Lake Hamilton with a friend of

mine. The shoreline was packed near the dam, but was scattered along the edges all around. This was my only choice, for the reason that there were 4000 plus trout stocked with no where to go or current to take them 2 miles downstream.

We fished for most part of the morning, having our stand-offs with the intermittent deluge of rain. My buddy caught two from off the shore as I fumbled with my rod trying to keep the perch and golden shiners from taking my bait. Hawk caught all three trout that day as all I had was just a bag of memories a soaked sweatshirt, a smell of fish on my hands and that ground in dirt under the fingertips from getting worms out of my container.

This weekend may be it for local fishermen to catch their creel limit.

The in-season stocking trucks come rolling through and stocking the same stretches where fish have not been caught from as of yet.

The spring gobbler season is coming up on us just as fast as he can appear from 100 yards away. The anxiousness of some hunters lead into possible hunting accidents. To try and limit these situations just a few rules that are mandatory and others that are just of thumb.

When walking through the woods a hunter must be wearing at least 100 sq. inches of fluorescent orange. This is only while moving, but you may wish to keep it visible near your location while calling. The second biggie that I would like to express especially for those that will attempt to hunt on

SGL's. DO NOT WALK INTO GOBLING BIRDS. This method not only risks your life in events of perhaps mistaken game, but also perhaps putting yourself in an unlikely position with the other hunters. For deer season it is accepted that someone will walk through so use some common sense and thought.

Personally I would really care not to see anyone near the area that I have scouted since spring break. Now though is the time to get out and see where all the commotion is at.

Good places thus far have been on the north side of the reservoir and the area near hills creek on the gamelands these areas promise to hold a lot of birds. We will go into further detail next week on do's and don'ts, ammunition, strategies, and what to do.

Mountie football kicks off spring training ball

by Amber Lakits
sports editor

The Mansfield University Mountaineers football team officially kicked off their spring football training Wednesday, April 3.

The Mountaineers spring football consists of 15 practices and one inter-squad game. The team is not allowed to compete against any other teams, only themselves.

"The goal of spring ball is to get better," Joe Viadella, Mountie Head Football Coach said. "We also develop



Head football coach Joe Viadella takes the helm in MU's spring training practice.

plays and work on team unity."

Mansfield University football was the first school to initiate spring prac-

tice. Spring football has since been adopted by every NCAA Division I and II schools.

One key aspect of spring football is to work on plays for the upcoming season.

"Spring ball prepares us to know the plays for next season so we don't have to start from scratch," freshman tight end Brent Clarke said.

Spring ball officially ends with the yearly spring game, held on Karl Van Norman football field. The spring game will be proceeded by the annual spring breakfast with a gulf outing after the game.

"Spring ball gets us in shape and gets the guys that are here ahead so we can get ahead of the game," freshman wide receiver Scott Fedorowicz said.

Returning upperclassmen, echo those feelings.

"Spring ball is a real good way to refresh our minds," junior defensive tackle Joel Kargbo said. "It's a chance for the upperclassmen to get hyped for next year and gives the new guys a chance to become adjusted into the program."

The Mounties practice three days a week and hit the weights on the off days. The annual spring game will be held on May 4 on the football field.

Three seasons in one-sports views commentary

by Jason Bricker
asst. sports editor

A strange occurrence happens around this time every year.

Three of the four most popular sports in America are all being played at the same time.

The NHL has started its second season, the play-offs, which the NBA will be starting also in a week or so. To go along with hockey and basketball is the third sport, baseball.

This is good since I'm a Flyers fan, bad since I'm a Sixers fan, and being a Phillies fan I'm not sure what it means; yet.

It's odd how you can still skate on ice even though it's the beginning of May. But this year's NHL Stanley Cup race is looking to be a good one. The Detroit Red Wings won 62 games this year, the most wins ever recorded in a single season.

This fact went some what unnoticed because it was overshadowed by

the Chicago Bulls great accomplishment of winning 70 games in the regular season.

There are also three expansion teams in the NHL play-offs this year, Tampa Bay, Florida, and Colorado. Florida and Colorado have already recorded a wins in their first round of the play-offs.

The two teams from Pennsylvania are both in the hunt for the cup. The Philadelphia Flyers and the Pittsburgh Penguins both have the potential to go deep into the play-offs.

In the NBA the question is are the Bulls going to take it all?

Even though Chicago won 70 games this year, it will mean nothing if they don't win the championship.

We'll maybe not nothing, but it will be a hollow accomplishment if they don't win it all.

The stage is set. If the Bulls win it they will be considered the greatest basketball team ever, at least till this point in the NBA's history.

Even though I'm far from be-

ing a Bulls fan, I'm still kind of pulling for them.

My grandfather has his memories of watching those great Yankees teams, and I want to be able to say that I saw one of the greatest teams ever play.

Even though the NHL, and the NBA are the main course this time of year, baseball is a nice dessert.

Baseball is far from crowning this year's world champions, but to me

baseball ushers in spring with summer soon to follow.

It's nice, once again, to read the standings in the paper and follow the fighting Philadelphia Phil's day by day. At this point in the season every team still has a chance of winning the World Series.

And when the NHL, and NBA champs are decided, and their seasons over it won't be to bad; because we will still have baseball.

Meet The Team

by: Amber Lakits
sports editor



Name: Brooke
McManus

Year: freshman

Position: short stop/
catcher

Hometown: Ashley

High School: Hanover
Area

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"Friends Forever" celebrate 15th annual MISO Festival

by Kate A. Griffith
Flashlight editor

Almost 200 people including students, faculty and guests packed Manser's North Dining Hall to attend the 15th annual Mansfield International Student Organization festival on Saturday, April 13.

Those attending the festival were first treated to a buffet of international cuisine including eggplant curry, a dish from Sri Lanka, Xepa, a meat pie from Brazil, Oyako Donburi, a chicken and egg dish from Japan and Bulgogi, a beef stir fry dish from Korea.

For dessert, guests tried Kalakand, milky candy bars from India, caramel pudding from Sri Lanka, and Polichinta, cream-filled pancakes from Hungary.

All of the food served at the MISO festival was prepared by members of MISO to represent a piece of their culture to the guests of the festival.

Keynote speaker Dr. Bernard Koloski of the English department then began the program by giving a speech on the this year's MISO festival theme, "Friends Forever."

According to Koloski, educational exchanges are a central part of any university.

"(Cultural exchanges) may help us develop a capacity

for empathy and a distaste for killing people," he said.

Thinking of the friends you know from other countries makes you see citizens of those countries as people, not types, Koloski said.

"Friendship projects human faces into abstractions that threaten us," Koloski said.

Friendship itself is probably not enough to lead to peace between groups, Koloski said.

"Friendship has not always lead to peace and harmony," Koloski said. "We have contact with and potential for conflict with billions of people."

Koloski said that something beyond friendship is required to bring peace.

"We need to doubt the elements in our culture that drive us to lash out at each other," he said.

Everyone can't possibly love everyone else, but we can remember the common denominators between each other, according to Koloski.

"I hope we'll all be friends forever, and I hope we'll project the fruits of those friendships," Koloski said.

Lawson Lobb, an MU math professor on exchange from Australia spoke after Koloski on the importance of MISO.

Lobb pointed out that most international students (and

professors) who come to MU share two similar thoughts about the area:

"Where on earth is Mansfield?" and "Why on earth do they live there with winters like this?"

The biggest bonus Lobb and his wife have found at MU, he said, have been the international students.

"We value what (the international students) have given us," Lobb said. "(They) will, indeed, be our friends forever."

The members of MISO entertained the audience with several ethnic skits, songs and dances.

MISO advisor Ms. Annie Cooper twirled baton to the songs, "That's what friends are for," and "Lean on me." Cooper picked up the hobby of Baton twirling in college as a stress reliever.

Another highlight of the evening was a lesson in the Japanese paper craft origami taught by Chihiro Makio, Hanae Kambara and Gary Olmstead. Makio led the audience in folding squares of construction paper until they ended up with a Japanese Samurai.

Meanwhile, Olmstead and Kambara were supposed to be following Makio's instructions using a piece of paper that nearly covered the stage. Instead of ending up with a samu-



Photo by Cindy Thorpe

The "Marandangan" Indian instrument being played by Siva Chelvan Ponnudurai, native of Sri Lanka, at the 15th Annual MISO Festival on April 13th.

rai, they made an origami crane.

Olmstead and MU student Manu Sathananthavel hosted a game show later in the evening which they called "On the Spot!" According to Sathananthavel, the show was added to the MISO festival to compete with "Jeopardy" on NBC.

There are professors and faculty on this campus that are spies, Sathananthavel said. The game show was meant to bring those spies "On the Spot!"

According to Sathananthavel, MU English professor Lynn Pifer is a spy that disguises herself as a student, trudging around campus with a heavy book bag. MU math professor Lawson Lobb disguises himself as an Australian, while Bill Carter disguises himself as a librarian.

Contestants were asked questions such as, "This country was formerly known as Rhodesia (What is Zimbabwe?)" and "This country has the world's longest fence (What is Australia?)"

Carter took last place with eight points, Pifer took second with nine points, and Lobb won the game show with 10 points.

MU student Brian Souter hosted this year's annual fashion show at the MISO fes-

tival. Fashions included several types of kimonos from Japan, and Saris from South Asia.

Olmstead and MU Academic Success Center Advisor Cindy Thorpe presented a slide show of what MISO has been doing for the past few years.

Several other students and members of MISO spoke and performed skits, songs, dances and poetry that both spoke of friendship and represented their countries.

After all the performances were over, Cooper spoke of the members of MISO, 15 of whom will be graduating this year. It's hard for international students to come to MU for several reasons, Cooper said. The biggest difficulty is finances.

Cooper will miss the members of MISO and hopes that others will come along to replace those who are graduating.

"I have totally enjoyed you all," Cooper said. "You have taught me a lot and I hope I've taught you a lot, too."

This year's festival ended with the entire MISO organization and most of the audience singing the group song, "You've Got a Friend."



(left to right) Dalida Munnas, Latha Ponnudurai from, Hanae Kambara, Sharmane Ratnasara, and Sakera Tayabali, present a fashion show of international attires.

Photo by Cindy Thorpe

Calendar

Friday, April 19

1-4pm Free pool at the Rec Desk in Memorial Hall
6-8pm Mysterious Eskimo Show on WNTE
10pm Zanzibar at the HUT

Saturday, April 20

1pm Softball at home with Shippensburg
1pm Track & Field away at Lafayette

1pm Baseball away at Shippensburg

3pm William Williams Senior Trumpet Recital in Steadman Theatre
8pm Concert Chior Conert in Steadman Theatre
10pm Zanzibar at the HUT

Sunday, April 21

8pm Orchestra Concert in Steadman Theatre

8pm Zanzibar at the Hut

Monday, April 22
7pm 7th Annual Student Recognition Banquet in North Dining Hall
8pm Concert Chior Conert in Steadman Theatre
10pm Zanzibar at the HUT

Tuesday, April 23

1pm Ebony Discussion Hour in the MLK Center, Memorial Hall

1pm Softball away at Millersville
9pm MAC meeting in lower Memorial Hall
9pm Student Government Meeting, Memorial Hall

Wednesday, April 24
11-1pm Free popcorn at the

Rec Desk in Memorial Hall

1pm Baseball away at home with East Stroudsburg
9pm MAC Coffeehouse at the HUT

Thursday, April 25

1pm International Discussion Hour in the MLK Center, Memorial Hall
9pm Zanzibar at the Hut

Student faces sexual harassment charges

by Nancy P. Corbo
news editor
Tisia Baynes
staff reporter

Sexual harassment charges were filed against an MU student on April 23 for allegedly assaulting an MU student shuttle bus driver.

Sophomore Edward Coley was identified some time in March after allegedly harassing and assaulting another MU student during a course of several weeks throughout the end of January and beginning of February.

"A series of incidents occurred that escalated from verbal harassment to indecent assault over a period of time," said Karen Pelensky Collier, director of police and safety.

According to MU's arresting officer Chris Errico, Coley has been charged with one misdemeanor, a misdemeanor in the first degree and two counts of summary harassment. He will therefore face a criminal trial.

According to Collier, the victim stated that there were two individuals that harassed her over periods of time.

"The victim was not able to identify the other individual," Collier said.

According to court documents, the defendants engaged in a course of contact that alarmed and seriously annoyed the victim, and made lewd comments and alarming statements to the victim on several occasions.

On Feb. 4, 1996, the victim

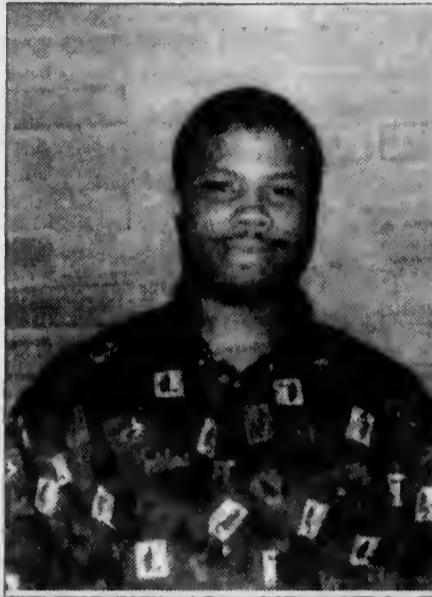


PHOTO BY CINDY ALBANO

MU Sophomore Ed Coley was arrested on April 23.

picked the two defendants up in the shuttle. One of the defendants allegedly said, "What is a little white girl afraid of two big, black niggers?" according to court documents. They also allegedly sub-

jected the victim to physical contact by holding the victim's arms behind the seat of the campus shuttle van. They then proceeded to touch the victim's breasts and thigh area.

According to Collier, Coley was placed in Tioga County prison, then released on \$8,400 bail. The preliminary hearing for this case will take place in the Magistrate's office on May 2.

Coley said that he is not guilty.

"The charges that were brought up against me are of mistaken identity," Coley said. "I am innocent. The

charges brought up against me affect my reputation and career."

Errico feels that this is one the more serious cases she has had this year.

"I would like to see the best possible outcome in this case," Errico said. "I would also like to see justice served."

Errico said that the victim postponed filing any sort of charges against the alleged assailant for two weeks.

"I think that with all the stuff that goes on, I wish that people that are assaulted or wronged in some way will come to us and seek help immediately," Errico said.

According to Director of Residence Life Mike Lemasters, there are many things that the university can do to help students who have been wronged in some way.

"Any student on or off campus who's harassed in any way should report it immediately," Lemasters said. "The best way to stop this is for people not to participate in that kind of activity."

ATM card theft leads to arrest of student

by Kate A. Griffith
Flashlight editor

A Mansfield University student was arrested on April 18 for allegedly stealing an Automated Teller Machine card.

John Sowell, 19, is charged with one count each of theft, attempted theft and receiving stolen property.

According to Michael Lemasters, director of Resi-

dence Life, Sowell is no longer an MU student, though he was at the time of the incident.

According to Karen Pelensky Collier, MU director of police and safety, Sowell allegedly stole the ATM card of a female student who was visiting his dormitory room in Cedar Crest in the late evening on March 7.

Sowell then walked the female back to her dormitory and went down town to

use the ATM machine at First Citizen's Bank where Sowell allegedly used the stolen ATM card to withdraw \$200, Collier said.

On March 8, Sowell allegedly attempted to withdraw money again with the stolen card from the ATM in lower Manser. The machine captured the card and the video camera captured Sowell's image attempting to use the stolen ATM card, Collier said.

"The video tapes

helped us easily identify the suspect," Collier said.

According to Collier, the investigation was delayed by many factors including spring break and having to wait for the video tapes to be released from the bank.

Sowell failed to appear at his preliminary hearing with District Justice Dan Signor on April 25.

According to Signor, Sowell failed to notify the court that he would be unable to at-

tend his preliminary hearing. As a result, Signor ordered another arrest warrant for Sowell.

Sowell's failure to appear at his preliminary trial may change the amount of his bail, Signor said.

According to Borough Police Chief Paul Shaw, there are charges pending against Sowell for theft in the borough of Mansfield, as well, since the machine at First Citizen's Bank is located in the borough.

Commencement May 11

by Aimee J. York
Flashlight copy-editor

This year's graduating seniors will participate in Mansfield University's 131st annual spring commencement. Approximately 265 undergraduates and 24 master degree candidates will receive diplomas, and 4 music therapy students will receive certificates, according to Ms. Marlene Herbst, Executive Secretary to the Office of the President.

Ceremonies will begin on May 11, 1996 at 11 a.m. and will be held outside on Karl Van Norman Football Field. Rehearsal will be held on Friday, May 10 at 1:30 p.m. at the same location. In case of rain, a flag located at the Home Economics building will be flown at half mast, indicating that commencement has been moved to

Decker Gymnasium, Herbst said.

Graduation will feature guest speaker, Ada Mae Saxton, an alumnae of MU in 1953. Saxton currently resides in Harrisburg, PA and is President of Saxton Air Systems, Inc. Saxton was selected by President Kelchner based on recommendations from MU faculty and alumni staff, said Herbst.

Kelchner also usually asks the outstanding senior to say a few words. Out of 24 nominations, three students from the honors program are candidates, Herbst said.

The commencement has been changed due to time constraints. "Because of time concerns, this year's commencement ceremony will not include a speaking minister," Herbst said.

Mullen questions value of midterm grades

by Nancy P. Corbo
news editor

On Thursday, the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) and the University Senate deliberated the possible elimination of mid-term grades in the fall.

According to Provost Dr. George Mullen, getting rid of mid-term grades in the future is a good way to get students to communicate more with their teachers about their academic situation. He said it would also make students more concerned about how they are doing in their classes.

"Students should take ownership of their learning," Mullen said. "If doing mid-term grades isn't a critical function, then why do them?"

According to Mullen, if the university decides to cease

distributing all mid-term grades to the students, they will save \$4,000 a semester including labor and printing expenses. He said that money could then be used to help balance the budget.

AAC Chairman Scott Davis, recommended on behalf of the committee that the mid-term grades should be kept in some form. During Thursday's meeting, the senate listened to various arguments from the administration, the faculty and the students. They also issued a report which outlined the pro's and con's of mid-term grades.

The outcome of the meeting was that mid-term grades will remain.

Davis said that although the senate voted in favor of mid-term grades, the administration is still able to proceed with any decision that it feels is the best.

"I recognize with big

classes it can sometimes be difficult to give mid-terms to students," Davis said. "However, I feel that new students need to have some sort of mid-term as-

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PHOTO PROVIDED
Former MU football player Mark Doherty signed a contract with Vienna-Austria Rangers.

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SUNY professor speaks on hate speech

by Matt Peterson
managing editor

On Thursday, April 18, nearly 70 people, including students and faculty, gathered in Memorial Hall to listen to a special guest speaker talk about hate speech and its definitions and limitations.

Professor John Arthur, a philosophy professor from SUNY Binghamton in Binghamton, NY, presented a speech entitled "Sticks and Stones: Hate Speech and Harm," which was a compilation of material from research that he had been doing.

Arthur began his lecture by talking about the social definition of hate speech and the major sources of attack on hate speech.

"Not all speech that expresses hate is hate speech," Arthur said.

Arthur said that many universities are trying to find ways to limit hate speech by calling it harassment. Arthur claims that this is dangerous because it can infringe on free speech rights.

According to Arthur, there are four main reasons to protect free speech. Three of those reasons are a "means to an end," including keeping free speech to promote the marketplace of ideas, to protect democracy, and to preserve our autonomy.

The last reason to protect free speech, according to Arthur, is that protecting free speech is equivalent to protecting our overall freedom.

Censorship because of fear of hate speech or because of any fear of offense is dangerous, Arthur said. He maintained that this is so because it is not easy to determine intentions behind speech, and he is afraid that many people will censor themselves and watch what they say because of fear of prosecution.

"There may be a tremendous tendency of people to exercise self-censorship," Arthur said. "This can apply to both valuable and invaluable speech."

Arthur said that, while self-censorship can not be helped or prevented, the government does not have much power when it comes to censor-

ship.

"When government wants to regulate content of speech, the Supreme Court and constitution are restrictive of government's rights," Arthur said.

The types of speech that government can censor, according to Arthur, are those that incite lawlessness, those that result in libel, and those that are obscene.

Arthur then launched into a discussion about whether or not hate speech can cause harm.

"Harm involves the frustration of some personal objectives," Arthur said. "A set back of our interests."

Arthur said that harm can be defined as serious hurt and intention is usually what drives the hurt.

"To be harmed by someone is never going to be a trivial thing," Arthur said.

Arthur also discussed whether or not there is such a thing as group libel and whether groups can be hurt by hate speech. Arthur said that corporations can be harmed because they have financial goals and an organizational structure, but that racial and ethnic groups can not be hurt in that way.

"Religious, racial and ethnic groups don't have goals in that sense," Arthur said.

However, Arthur added, the government has the right to regulate actions that, if done individually, don't hurt anyone, but if done many times are harmful - actions like dumping lead in the water.

Following the lecture, the session was opened to a question/answer session and discussions about whether hate speech causes hate action, and what effects hate speech has on children.

Arthur was brought to Mansfield by the philosophy department and served as the speaker in this year's Annual George Seffler lecture memorial. According to Dr. Steven Bickham of the philosophy department, Seffler was a very valuable member of the philosophy department and is someone to be honored.

"It was a lot of his direction and guidance that got the philosophy department going," Bickham said.

MIDTERMS, from p. 1

assessment."

Mullen said that he had deliberated this issue for nearly 20 years before finally deciding to propose his idea to the senate. After checking with sister institutions, Mullen said that they all refrained from distributing mid-term grades and were all getting by without any problems.

"Instead of using mid-term grades, some professors use an 's' or 'u,'" Mullen said. "Do they really serve their purpose and are they really meaningful?"

Chair of the Philosophy Department Dr. Stephen Bickham, is one of the many professors at MU who chooses to supply mid-term grades to his students. He feels that they make sense if a great majority of faculty members use them.

"The more professors who

choose not to give grades, the less significant it is," Bickham said. "It's really a shame that more professors don't give mid-term grades."

Bickham feels that eliminating mid-term grades will create certain problems for the faculty and administration. He said that they will then have to monitor their students in order to catch the ones who are doing poorly in the beginning of the semester.

"There is going to be a loss if we get rid of them (mid-term grades)," Bickham said. "We have a system that if used would give good results to the students."

Senior and music major Andrew Fetzer feels that the university should not get rid of mid-term grades.

"I think that mid-term grades are good because they give an indication as to how you're doing in class," Fetzer said.

Police Beat

communication (E-mail).

04/23/96

04:02 Odor of marijuana. Unfounded. Incense burning.

08:30 Criminal mischief. Arson fire started in hallway of Cedarcrest by unknown individual. Subject fled the area.

13:21 Report of theft. Approximately twenty cassette tapes taken from a vehicle parked in the C-Lot.

14:00 Report of theft. Wallet, sterling silver lighter, several school books, and cassette tapes from a vehicle in C-Lot.

14:30 Assisted outside agency with subpoena service on campus.

23:33 Student in Laurel Hall complained of severe back pains. Transported to Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital by Mansfield Ambulance Association.

04/21/96

12:05 Items found in Lower Manser. mens restroom.

14:30 Report of theft. Condoms and money taken from ground floor restrooms in Cedarcrest lobby.

04/22/96

23:05 Report of harassment by

04/23/96

08:45 Assisted PA State Police in serving arrest warrant on John J. Smithson, 19, for unpaid traffic tickets.

09:10 Report of theft. Loveseat taken from Cedarcrest lounge.

13:30 Report of theft. Bookbag and contents taken from table in Main Library.

13:55 Individual in police station acting disorderly. Left station yelling obscenities and refusing to stop for an officer. Defendant then drove off with the officer hanging onto the vehicle. Charges pending.

21:26 Criminal mischief. Study lounge window broken in unknown manner by unknown person(s).

04/24/96

09:18 Unauthorized use of parking permit.

11:30 Students fighting in Cedarcrest. Roommate dispute.

11:30 Report of theft. \$100 dollar bill taken from students room.

04/25/96

09:50 Unauthorized use of vehicles.

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The *Flashlight* wants you next semester!

This is our last issue of *The Flashlight* for Spring 1996. We'd like to thank those of you who took the time to read the fruits of our efforts.

We would like to invite anyone interested in helping out at the *Flashlight* to look for signs next semester indicating meeting days and times. The *Flashlight* is made up of students like you and we are always looking for people to help fill up that box on the left.

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COF releases allocation recommendations

by Daniel Mendonça
Flashlight editor

Mansfield University student organizations will have to wait for President Rod Kelchner's approval on how much money will be allocated to them next academic year.

According to Joseph Maresco, vice president of student affairs, MU's Committee on Finance and Student Government Association have forwarded the allocation recommendations for the 1996-97 academic year.

The capital allocations occur after each campus organization submit a budget request to the COF, Maresco said. There are 42 funded organizations on campus, and all the money which will

be divided between them comes straight from the student activities fee. Every full-time student pays the student activities fee along with the tuition at the beginning of each semester.

The 1996 collection from the student activities fee totaled \$460,000, to be divided among all the funded organizations, plus a reserve fund for the unforeseen, Maresco said. On the other hand, the total amount of the budget requests submitted by all the organizations totaled \$583,000, a figure \$123,000 above the available budget.

According to Maresco, Athletics usually receives from 40 to 45 percent of the total budget because they are the largest organization on campus, with more than 300 students involved in it.

University considers charging for printouts

by Joe Wagner
staff reporter

Beginning next semester, it is possible that computer printouts at any networked computer on campus will be subject to a fee that covers the cost of paper, the printer, and printer maintenance.

The reason for the printout charge is due to students' abuse of free printer privileges, according to Dr. Larry Nesbit, director of informational resources.

The fairest way to recoup the cost of printout expenses is by charging students for each printout, said Dennis Miller, director of public affairs and publications.

Nesbit said he finds fault with students who abuse the printers supplied in every computer lab on campus. He said that it is too easy and not necessary to print out multiple copies of material.

According to Nesbit, the price of a laser printer printout (which would be part of the equipment change) is comparable to the price of a photocopy. Students expect to pay for photocopies but they do not want to pay for computer printouts, he said.

"It isn't free. Those costs are being taken out of our budgets," said Nesbit. "Mansfield is getting less money than what we used to get ... from the state

legislature. And there is no projected increase for next year. One of the quandaries facing us is that free printing takes away from other things."

"I'm never really happy to put more charges on students," said Miller. "It (the increased cost of printouts) has forced us into a corner."

Special tracking software will be required to make printout charging feasible. A committee consisting of Nesbit, Miller, and Gary Ingerick, the director of the computer center, will test the software to determine if its use to track printouts is adequate and economical.

According to Nesbit, the system will track printouts from individual computers and charge a fee to either a student directly or to a student's specialized account. Each computer must have the software installed individually. The price of the software will be substantial.

Miller estimated that the cost of installing the software on 250 workstations would be nearly \$30,000.

Following a committee report, recommendations will be made to members of the Cabinet. Provost George Mullen, Vice-President of Student Affairs Joe Maresco, Vice-President of Administration and Finance William Yost, and Associate Provost Sandra Linck. The Cabinet will then decide on the necessity for the software required to track printouts.

"We haven't decided anything

In the past two years Athletics received 42 percent of the total budget.

Due to the large difference between the requests and the available funds, six to eight organizations received less money than they received last academic year. According to Maresco, the criteria used in the decision making process, is directly related to how many people the organization serves on campus.

For the unforeseen, Maresco explained, every organization is invited to submit to the COF an appeal for additional funds in the beginning of the Fall semester.

"This is not an end all position," Maresco said.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS	
Organization	FY 96/97
ATHLETICS	197800
AMERICAN CHORAL DIR ASSOC	1028
ANTHROPOLOGY	0
ART ACQUISITION/EXHIBITION	313
ART HISTORY	1324
ART STUDENTS' GUILD	200
AQUACULTURE CLUB	914
BACCHUS	1314
BADMINTON CLUB	900
BLACK STUDENT UNION	11000
BOXING CLUB	0
CEC	1500
CHEERLEADERS	2950
COMPUTER SCIENCE CLUB	500
CJA CLUB	950
DEBATE	3960
ECONOMICS	250
EL CLUB DE ESPANOL	115
FLASHLIGHT	14000
GEOGRAPHY CLUB	1575
GEOLOGY CLUB	506
SADDLE CLUB	2200
INTERNATIONAL STUD. ORGAN.	2352
RECREATIONAL SPORTS	40643
KARATE	119
LASO	60
MANSFIELD ACT COUNCIL	74000
MENC	500
CREATIVE ARTS THERAPY SOC	1200
NAT'L ALLIANCE OF SAX	700
IAJE	4050
PHILOSOPHY CLUB	1100
PHYSICS	250
PSYCHOLOGY CLUB	330
PUBLIC RELATIONS SOC	900
RPH/SAYRE STUDENTS	15000
SGA	6900
SKI CLUB	4564
STUDENT PSEA	521
STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFF	20000
TRAINING ROOM	13301
WNTE-FM	4850
EMERGENCY ACCOUNT	14961
IOAN (WNTE)	3000
MARCHING BAND UNIFORMS (LOAN)	7400
TOTAL	\$460,000

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per sheet of paper printed on the laser printer in the Home Economics Center is about 3.25 cents. This hypothetical fee included the price of the machine, the cost of paper, and maintenance of the printer.

"I feel that the current solution is too extreme of a counter measure and overburdening administratively," said Kreider.

On Wednesday, Kreider met with President Rod Kelchner concerning the impending printout fees. Kreider offered some alternatives to Kelchner that had not been discussed until that time. Kelchner then met with Mullen and briefly discussed the issue.

"I don't have the basis to form an opinion," said Kelchner.

The decision whether or not to implement printing fees now rests on the recommendation of Nesbit, Miller, and Ingerick to the Cabinet who will ultimately make the final decision.

For the defense: if trial, Kaczynski likely to plead insanity

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The Unabomber suspect, who walked away from a promising academic career for a reclusive life in the Montana woods, is likely to mount an insanity defense if he goes to trial for any of the three killings linked to his bombs, noted defense lawyers say.

Psychiatric issues could easily be raised because former math professor Theodore Kaczynski has proclaimed radical views opposing technology, become alienated from his family and exhibited odd behavior, said attorneys in California and New Jersey, the two states where such a trial would be likely to occur.

"I think this guy has some serious psychiatric problems," said Donald Heller, a former U.S. attorney in Sacramento who is now a defense lawyer.

Winning a verdict of innocent by reason of insanity, however, is "a very tough road to go," said David A. Ruhnke of West Orange, who handled the first fed-

eral death penalty case in New Jersey, a suspected drug kingpin who committed suicide before trial.

"Jurors are historically skeptical of insanity defenses," Ruhnke said. "It's like saying, 'I did it but I was crazy.'"

An insanity defense can keep a jury from imposing the death penalty, however.

Lawyer David B. Glazer of Livingston, N.J., sought an insanity verdict in the state case of a released mental patient who raped and strangled a 7-year-old Passaic, N.J., girl. Although Conrad Jeffrey was convicted of murder, the jury did not find needed elements to proceed to the penalty phase.

"Insanity normally doesn't go anywhere. Juries don't want to hear it," Glazer said.

Only if the physical evidence was less than overwhelming could the Unabomber defense consider asserting that an 18-year search found the wrong man, the lawyers said.

Since Kaczynski was only arrested April 3 and has not been charged with the 16 attacks linked to the Unabomber, the lawyers could not address specific accusations.

It is also not yet known where prosecutors would bring the case, if they would seek the death penalty, or would agree to a plea bargain in which the Unabomber would accept a life sentence instead of a possible execution.

Federal prosecutors could seek the death penalty for one of the two California deaths blamed on the Unabomber, and for a fatal bombing in New Jersey.

All three deaths could also be subject to each state's death penalty, but that would require federal prosecutors to cede or share the case. Sacramento, Calif., would be a more likely site for a state case, since New Jersey has yet to execute a condemned prisoner since reinstating the death penalty in 1982.

In a federal trial, the only verdicts possible are guilty, innocent, and innocent

by reason of insanity. With the last verdict, the defendant is committed to a mental hospital to determine if he poses a threat to others.

To get such a verdict, the defense must prove insanity by "clear and convincing" evidence, a less rigorous standard than "reasonable doubt." They must show that the suspect does not know the "nature and quality" of his acts and cannot distinguish right and wrong.

Defense lawyers would, of course, call a psychiatrist to testify. "But often the better witnesses are lay people who've been around (the defendant) all their life," Ruhnke said.

Even if the insanity defense fails and the defendant is found guilty, the mental health evidence lays the groundwork for the second part of the trial, where the jury considers whether to impose the death penalty.

The jury can return a death sentence if it finds that the aggravating factors in the crime outweigh the mitigating factors.

Rec Center construction to start soon

by Chris McGann
layout editor

The proposed Recreation Center is expected to be completed on schedule.

"I would not be surprised if the bulldozers started running on Monday," said Joe Maresco, vice president of Student Affairs.

Maresco said that the project is two weeks behind schedule but that the worst case scenario would be that the building would be completed by the beginning of the 1997 spring semester.

The new Recreation Center will be built beside Maple Residence Hall.

The cost of the project is esti-

mated at nearly \$5.2 million. The building will be paid for by students. Each student is charged \$100 every semester. Maresco said that the building will be paid for with a 20 year bond.

"The building fee could be reduced to just operating cost or it could be used for renovation in twenty years," Maresco said.

Ritter Brothers Incorporated of Harrisburg is the general contractor for the project. Maresco said that there are 12 sub-contractors for the project. Two of the contracts, electrical and heating, have not been finalized.

The Rec Center construction needs less state approval than the North Hall project since it is paid for by student fees and not state fees. Maresco said that the state still needs to approve the

contract but the state will not oversee the day-to-day construction.

Last year, the Student Government Association held a referendum where students decided that they wanted the new Rec Center. Seniors who would never use the building or have to pay for it were allowed to vote.

"It's legit," Maresco said. "It's not unusual for one generation of students to make decisions for the next."

Maresco added that he hopes the new Rec Center will be a plus in recruiting.

According to Recreation Director Hugh Schintz, the Rec Center will provide 24 campus jobs.

"We are looking for people who are Red Cross certified," Schintz said.

University plans North Hall celebration

by James Moyer
staff reporter
and Gene Yager
wire editor

On Tuesday, September 17 Mansfield University's oldest building, North Hall, will celebrate its long awaited grand re-opening.

The building, which has undergone extensive renovations, will house all libraries on campus, as well as offices, and a museum room filled with North Hall memorabilia.

"North Hall is the way that it is because of the work done by many people at Mansfield", committee head for the North Hall celebration, and head of the philosophy department, Dr. Stephen Bickham said.

A series of celebrations will take place to celebrate the re-opening of North Hall, including an Alumni weekend in June, the general campus celebration mentioned above, and the official building dedication in late October.

"I think it is important to celebrate the North Hall opening in as many ways, and as often as possible" said MU president Rod Kelchner.

According to Bickham, general campus festivities will be kicked off by a yet to be chosen major speaker, and will follow with a 19th century style ice cream social in South Hall mall.

"The university is now in contact with its past" Bickham said.

Kelchner stated that he felt very strongly that a link with MU's past should be kept through buildings such as North Hall.

"For many people, North Hall is Mansfield" Kelchner said.

An 1890's type celebration will also take place, with participants dressing up in typical late 19th century apparel.

Also to take place along with the 1890's celebration will be prizes for the people with the best costumes, games and contests from the era.

According to both Bickham and Kelchner, student involvement in the celebration is integral to its success.

"My impression is that student interest, on and off campus, is accelerating rapidly," Kelchner said.

In order to promote student involvement during the first day of the general opening, the university is suspending all classes that take place after 12:30.

On the 17th and 18th of September, cultural events centered around music, poetry, storytelling and dramatic events will take place.

Also to take place will be a closing address, a speech by Kelchner, and the first all university dance to ever take place at MU.



Photo by Liz Barrett

Students had a chance to hang out and hear live music at Livestock on Saturday.

According to Albano, Rock the Vote went over very well with the students.

"We had forty people register to vote and people were wearing the stickers and buttons all day," Albano said.

Despite rain early in the day which caused the festival to be held in the Recreation Center gymnasium attendance was high according to Albano.

"Many people wondered why, with the great weather, the festival was held in the Rec. Center," Albano said. "we couldn't move the festival three times. It would have taken too much time and we might have had to cancel a band."

"For unseen reasons, the festival had to be held inside but a good time

was had by all," Thomas said.

According to Thomas, Spring Heeled Jack said that this was the 'strangest show' they've ever played and that they were happy to bring ska music to Mansfield. According to Thomas, Spring Heeled Jack is willing to play here again next semester as long as they do not have to take route 6 in order to get here.

"They (Spring Heeled Jack) said that they loved the crowd even though the student turn out to see them was not incredibly large," Thomas said.

According to Albano, the dunk tank, human bowling and prizes provided by Bobby K Entertainment went over well with the students.

"I was glad to see that the students had such a good time with the beach balls," Albano said. "The human bowling should have been outside though."

"I was glad to see that the money we had was used well," Nevin said.

According to Albano, MAC has already made decisions about next year's Livestock based on this year's.

"We'd like to hold Livestock outside next year, rain or shine," Albano said. "We're going to try it even if we have to get tents."

University computer center considers revising E-mail log on procedure

by Stephanie DeNicola
staff reporter

Because of frequent lagging and an overload of messages on the electronic mail system across campus, Mansfield University is considering changing the log-ins that are used for e-mail, according to Gary P. Ingerick Director of Technical Resources.

Previously, students, faculty and staff all used their first four initials and the first four numbers of their Social Security number to get on the system, Ingerick said.

"We are thinking of reversing the log-ins to the first four numbers of your Social Security number and your initials for students," Ingerick said. "The log-ins will stay the way they are for faculty and staff members."

Bridgette Maney, a freshman public relations major supports these proposed changes.

"E-mail is a lot easier and faster than regular mail. If the new changes are going to work, I'll support them," Maney said.

Ingerick stated that the changes may not take place without feedback from MU's campus.

Unless students fill out a form from the library saying not to, all messages will be deleted over the summer. Although staff members will be deleting the messages from the accounts, they do not have any authorization to read them, Ingerick said.

Any problems or questions related to the present or future state of e-mail can be sent to Ingerick in 122 Alumni Hall or by filling out the forms located in the main library.

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Since our graduation seniors won't be with us for the official opening of North Hall, the library staff will host an open house tour during the morning of our annual senior brunch, Friday, May 10th. North Hall will be open to the campus community from 8:30 am. until 10 am. Plan to come and enjoy browsing through our beautiful new library.

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The PA House of Representatives Bipartisan Management Committee has fall semester fellowship available to students. Second semester juniors or seniors with a QPA of 3.0 or higher are eligible. The stipend for the fellowships should contact Dr. Sexauer at 662-4546 by May 3. Students who are interested in spring 1997 fellowships should notify Dr. Sexauer by Sept. 15, 1996. Thanks.

On Thursdays, beginning April 11, the student volunteer advocates will provide a support group for victim of sexual assault, dating violence and sexual harassment to relate their feelings. the support group will be held in the Women's center, Pinecrest 102, between 7 - 8 p.m. All communications are confidential.

LASO

Latino Student Organization
Wednesdays at 4 pm Belknap Hall, rm 113
(seminar).

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Attention Women Student Leaders!

Two Mansfield representatives will be sent to a week-long leadership seminar on August 4-9, 1996 at the McKeever Center in western PA. Selected participants will have all expenses covered except transportation. If you are interested and meet the criteria listed below, pick up an application from the Student Affairs Office, 120 Pinecrest. Deadline is April 19, 1996. The minimum standards are:
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Consider the main functions of newspapers

Since it is the end of the semester and we are the only newspaper in the area, we feel that we should point out a few of the several functions of a newspaper.

The first function of a newspaper is to report on anything newsworthy. There are, of course, limitations on this. Often certain groups or individuals feel that something is extremely newsworthy, usually because that group or individual has worked very hard on something and they expect recognition for that. Newspapers try to cover as many of these events as possible, but any breaking story will bump the importance of certain others.

The second function of a newspaper loosely connects to the last story: Write uninteresting happy stories. People like to read about themselves and people they know. It's a feel good kind of thing. The stipulation to this function is that you don't write the uninteresting happy stories if they're not newsworthy, or if you need the space or time for something more newsworthy.

The third function of a newspaper is to remain unbiased. It is difficult to be completely objective when you're covering a story—you can only choose so many quotes to include in your story. The most important thing is not to exclude any facts.

Another important function of a paper is to harbor no special interests; whether someone is your friend or enemy, don't show bias in your reporting. Those who are not journalists think this is impossible, but it actually becomes a habit. You report things as they are, and you can tell when things are tainted with your personal opinion. That's called editorializing. That's what the opinion pages are for. For example, a story on page one is unbiased while the editorial is the Flashlight's opinion on the issue in discussion.

Hand-in-hand with that function, newspapers need to show no prejudice. A person's race, creed, religious or sexual preference means nothing to a journalist. People are people, and criminals are criminals. A person's race, creed, religious or sexual preference does not change that.

Newspapers serve as the watchdog for those in power, including not only government officials and administrators, but also corporate figure heads. Those with money have as much power as those in government positions. Journalists need to constantly call into question the motives and actions of those in power. If we don't, will you?

Additionally, newspapers need to be as timely as possible. Who wants to read about a meeting or forum that happened three or four weeks ago? After a certain point, it becomes asinine to report on something that happened so long ago that few people, if any, remember it.

The most important function of a newspaper is to educate and inform its readers. Newspapers often serve to explain situations and circumstances to their readers. This usually involves correlating the facts of several sources. It is not usually an interesting or easy thing to do, but without translation, readers usually don't understand the basis of news stories.

Letters to the editor policy

The Flashlight is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is not willing to take responsibility for the letter's content. So, why should we?

In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The Flashlight reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the Flashlight office, 217 Memorial Hall, Monday through Friday, or mailed to the above address.

Opinions

Flashlight performance applauded

To the editor:

We would like to take a moment to thank the members of the 1995-96 Flashlight staff for putting together a quality student newspaper in spite of the staff

shortages you face. This year's Flashlight staff still manages to write investigative stories and cover campus events, providing a vital service to the rest of the campus.

We would like to see

more students get involved in the Flashlight; it's a student newspaper and will only survive as long as there are students willing to devote the time and energy it takes to put a paper together every week.

Dr. Lynn Pifer and Dr. John Ulrich

Global Issues Week poorly covered

To the editors:

"Disappointed" isn't quite the word I want, but it'll do.

I find it hard to understand why there wasn't a single story or even a passing mention of Global Issues Week in the Flashlight, either beforehand or afterward. There was much advance information known to your staff, and several opportunities for publishing stories to acquaint the campus with these timely events.

My dismay and puzzlement are intensified

by knowing that at least three Flashlight personnel were personally involved with Global Issues events—one on a major panel, another filming the events, and another introducing a panel. Moreover, I was under the impression that at least two of your staff might even have pursued stories because of their alleged interest in the Canadian aspects of these events. What happened?

With your decision not to publish the paper on the eve of Global Issues Week and your subsequent failure to cover any of the program's five events, there is virtually

no evidence that the 1996 Global Issues Week ever occurred at Mansfield! It's as if the fifteen guest panelists and the two artistic performers who walked and talked and sang so eloquently two weeks ago had never been here! They've vanished without a trace!

I hope you'll make it a priority to rectify this unfortunate oversight before the end of the semester.

Larry Biddison
Director, Canadian Studies
and
Coordinator, 1996 Global Issues Week

COF member explains funds distribution

To the editors:

This is a response to the article regarding the COF by Cindy Albano and Brian Murphy.

First of all, I would really like to thank them for encouraging more people to get involved in SGA and related organizations. However, students should be encouraged to do so for positive reasons, not through negative connotations. More importantly, I am expressly upset with the manner in which COF was depicted. We do not interrogate any organizations. The purpose of the COF is to reassure the students that their activity fee is being used wisely, fairly, and appropriately. When requests are called to question, there has been careful consideration and discussion in order to seek clarification. Sometimes requests do not meet the by-law requirements, are miscalculated or just plain outrageous.

Each spring we are inundated with funding requests that exceed our budget; thus, it is our job to do our best to distribute the funds appropriately. Athletics should not even be called into question here - they receive a specific set percentage which correlates with the yearly increases in the activity fee (which caps at \$100). Athletics are also an essential part of any university. I realize people's tastes in entertainment differ, but it is essentially one of the main features that our alumni come back to see, sometimes donating to the university. Where is your school spirit?! Maybe we are all not the best athletes, but we can support our teams - win or lose. When someone says our football team won but one game - so what! They work and play hard.

It is a contradiction when one says "KRS One was a good show, but the attendance just wasn't there..." It is the same scenario, really. It seems as though some organizations seek to blame

others for their losses and misfortunes. One needs to have knowledge of our processes before publishing false accusations and attempting to stir up negative vibes with the students while trying to portray themselves as "heroes."

We are not trying to take programs away from the students by throwing darts at any organization that we feel needs to be cut; we are making sure their spending is on target with the students' needs.

A point that needs to be made here is that there is a distinct difference between departmental funds and those that come from the activities fee. Also, any other fundable organizations are more than welcome to voice their concerns and make emergency requests, if necessary, in the fall.

— Thank You,
Kimberly Kochin
SGA vice-president
longtime COF member

Commentary policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary you may turn it in to the Flashlight office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writer's name, major, class and phone number. Non-students are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week, we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

Commentary

The question of a snake's rights is on our minds



Dave Barry

A question that more and more Americans are asking, as they become increasingly fed up with crime, is: What, exactly, are the legal rights of accused snakes?

Consider the case of a snake that recently ran afoul of the law in Virginia. According to a story in the Fredericksburg, Va., Free Lance-Star, written by Keith Epps and sent in by alert reader Venetia Sims, this particular snake, a four-foot Burmese python identified only as a "Spotsylvania County snake," was apprehended by an Alcoholic Beverage Control agent and the Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office in connection with a liquor-store robbery.

I am not, of course, suggesting here that the police thought the snake ROBBED the store. They thought it

drove the getaway car.

No, seriously, the snake belonged to one of the robbery suspects, and according to the story the police had received information that the snake had money from the robbery "stashed inside of it."

The story doesn't say how a person would go about stashing money inside a snake, nor how this person would get the money back out. But for the record, most financial advisors do not recommend that you put your money into snakes. Let me add, from personal experience, that real estate is not such a hot investment, either. Some friends and I once put some money into a small apartment building, and we never did get it back out. What we got was a constant stream of tenant complaints, including every conceivable kind of toilet blockage and - this is the absolute truth - an infestation of bats that made the local TV news. Looking back, I think we would have been better off with a snake.

But getting back to "a Spotsylvania County snake": The police took it into cus today (presumably in a handcuff) and held it without bail for a week, during which time they X-rayed it. According to the story the X-ray "revealed something suspicious inside the snake, but police weren't sure what it was." It turned out to be snake poop, which and this is exactly what is wrong with our society today, if you want my and Pat Buchanan's opinion - is still legal in Virginia.

So the police were forced to release the snake, although NOT on its own recognizance. (One of the unique things about snakes is that they don't even HAVE a recognizance; biologists still have no idea how they reproduce.)

At this point, you are saying: "Dave, no offense, but it is just SO typical of media scum like you to make a big deal about one snake who is connected to a liquor-store robbery, while totally ignoring the millions of law-abiding, taxpaying snakes, not to mention ferrets."

You make a strong point, which is why at this time I wish to present an inspiring story, which I am not making up, concerning a courageous ferret in Morton Grove, Ill. According to an item from the Northbrook Star, written by Kathy Routliffe and alertly sent in by Jane Kolehmainen, police received an emergency 911 call from a home in Morton Grove; upon arriving on the scene, they broke into the home and discovered that the call had been made by a pet ferret named "Bandit."

Unfortunately, this did not turn out to be one of those heartwarming cases wherein a loyal and quick-thinking ferret, seeing that its master was having a heart attack, called police and then administered snout-to-mouth resuscitation until help arrived. This was simply a case of Bandit, while walking around the house alone, stepping on the telephone speed-dial button for 911. But the point is that there COULD have been a

medical problem, and if there had been, Bandit would be a hero today, perhaps even making a personal appearance on the "Jerry Springer" show.

Speaking of crustaceans, it's time for a:

LOBSTER UPDATE - I have been deeply gratified by the tremendous outpouring of letters from you readers supporting my courageous decision to come out of the closet and state that I think lobsters are big insects. Some of you also sent me an alarming new item stating that researchers at Harvard Medical School are - I swear I'm not making this up, either - giving Prozac to lobsters. The researchers say the drug "makes lobsters more docile, and less likely to snap when fished out of a tank at a restaurant."

The article states that the researchers hope their work will ultimately benefit humans. This raises some alarming questions:

1. Are there restaurants that keep humans in tanks?
2. Are there humans forced to wear rubber bands on their hands?

3. Do the restaurant owners claim that they taste "just like chicken"?

I think that every concerned American should telephone federal authorities at random until we get answers to these and other questions. I also think that, for the time being, we should all be extremely cautious when we leave our homes. Remember: a Spotsylvania County snake" is out there somewhere.

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Mentionables

Memories, mailboxes and a guy named Leo

by Matt "Sparky" Peterson
staff mascot/writer/punching bag

This is my last official column for the *Flashlight*. When I began to write for these pages three years ago, I never believed that I'd still be writing when I graduated. I liked the release that the writing gave me, but I had no confidence in it and didn't picture myself pounding out a column every week. Yet, over twenty columns and six semesters later, I have finished my education here at Mansfield and am getting ready for the "other-side". Graduation will be exciting, but I will miss this little town, the *Flashlight* and my friends.

There are so many people I would like to thank and some much I would like to write about, but I think I will take this space to retell a favorite story of mine.

A few years ago, during my Freshman semester in '92, I used to commute to school every day from my home in New York. One snowy day on my way to school, I pretended I was Speed-Racer and my car slipped on some ice while going around a sharp corner. I went out of control and veered off the road into a local resident's yard. Before my car jammed itself at a vertical angle on an embankment in the local's yard, I managed to destroy his quaint little wooden mailbox with my green beast of a car. The yard and the subsequent mailbox belonged to one Leo Spulvulski. A strange, curious little fellow who brought me into his cinder-block house and let me call my parents and a tow-truck. The tow-truck guy yanked my car off the embankment (taking most of the yard with it) while Leo fixed his mailbox. He did this by nailing a thin piece of board across



Viva Spulvulski!

Photo by Sparky

the broken support of the mailbox. This was almost four years ago, and that mailbox is still there on Route 549 and it still is being held together by a thin board.

The reason I am relaying this story is because it has become special to me. It was the first one I ever wrote for these pages and it has always been one of my favorites. I decided to originally write it when my friend Steve, managing editor back then, heard me tell it to a bunch of people in the *Flashlight* office. He then convinced me that I should write it down for Mitch Hillman's *Other-side* pages. I did and on December 10, 1993 my rantings made their premiere.

After writing the piece, the floodgates opened and everything became a writing topic. I wrote everything from works about the Brady Bunch to book reviews to social commentaries to pieces about my hair and bubble gum. It has been both a fun and interesting journey.

However, one thing that I have regretted over the years when I think about the mailbox story is that I never

thanked Leo for his kindness. To amend this error I recently decided that I should write a much overdue letter of thanks to this unknown legend. I now share that letter with you.

Dear Leo,

I hope this letter finds you well. I have been doing pretty good myself. I know you have no clue who I am or why I am writing you. I'm sure that you have already looked at the name at the bottom of this letter and have asked yourself "Who the hell is Matt 'Sparky' Peterson?" Basically, I'm a kid who crash landed in your yard one November morning and who showed some compassion and patience to.

The reason I am writing this letter is that I want to thank you.

I want to thank you for providing me with a broken mailbox as a landmark to always remember my first experience with writing. Every time I drive back and forth from school, your small block house and crooked mailbox have always been a reminder to me. A reminder that I have to make time in my

life for writing. A reminder that it all began with a description of your house, your mailbox, your yapping, little dog and your unseen, but loudly heard, sleeping wife.

I would also like to apologize for some unflattering things I wrote about the experience. I now realize I was a little crass in my description of you and I exaggerated when I said you talk like *Mushmouth* on acid. However, interesting people like you make living in areas like this tolerable (and if you did talk like *Mushmouth*, all the more power to you.)

I still don't know if you even live here anymore. There is always a bunch of cars outside your house and at least two or three kids running around outside. However, your mailbox still has your name on it (and several dings and scratches from my car), so I trust that you still live here. If not, maybe some way you will get a hold of this letter and understand a little more about that damn college kid who ruined a nice snowy day.

Whether you know it or not, my meeting with you has stuck with me and will always be a part of me. I would like to thank you for being there on the side of Route 549 and for taking time to help me out.

Take care of yourself.

Sincerely,

Matt "Sparky" Peterson

Besides Leo, I would like to thank a few others who have helped me with my writing through the years. Thanks to Nancy P., Mr. Gade, Mitch, Chris, Daniel, Dennis Leary, Gene and Josh, Steve, Joey H., Jeanne, the two K.A.G.s, those damn MAC people and anybody else who has shown me support and criticism over the years. You all know who you are and I thank you from the bottom of my pancreas heart.

MU brings nostalgia even for beaten up old dogs



Who really want to know what I have to say? You are going to hear it anyway. All I can say is that four years passed really fast, and I don't regret it in any way. I learned two great languages, I played with American politics, I met great people and I also met a lot of mediocre people.

I am glad to know that I was given a professor that taught me the highest level of journalism ethics and the real meaning of the word "truth." I am glad that Mansfield University offered me enough resources to finish my education, and I am mostly glad because of the existence of the *Flashlight*.

Because of my involvement with this publication, I added to my personal database an extensive knowledge on the Associated Press writing style, Macintosh computers, design, layout, and networking, which is certainly helpful to me. (FYI, although I am graduating with a BA in Journalism and a BA

in Spanish, my life will always be surrounded by computers, no matter what. I love them.) Besides the knowledge, the *Flashlight* also brought me great friends, and they know who they are.

The mediocre people who I met, (they also know who they are) believe it or not, also taught me a lot. They were able to show me that not everyone can be trusted. Although I am unable to pull as many strings as they could, I have a major advantage over all of them; my conscience is clean. The older brother beats the younger brother who beats the doo-doo out of the dog. Ever felt like the dog?

Anyway, my trip to this country and my time at MU were definitely the best things I ever did for myself. It served to broaden my horizons, learn more about my own culture and above all, it brought a lot more love into my life.

I'd like to thank Mrs. Janice Kennedy, (I love her), all the people who helped me out in my incoming year, and Peter Gade, David Iovino, Annie Cooper, Mrs. Dorothy Wertheimer, the Gillmores, the Bogarts, Frank Kollar, and I could mention another 100 names, but unfortunately this is all the space I had available. Thanks for believing that I could take advantage of all of the wonderful things I have.

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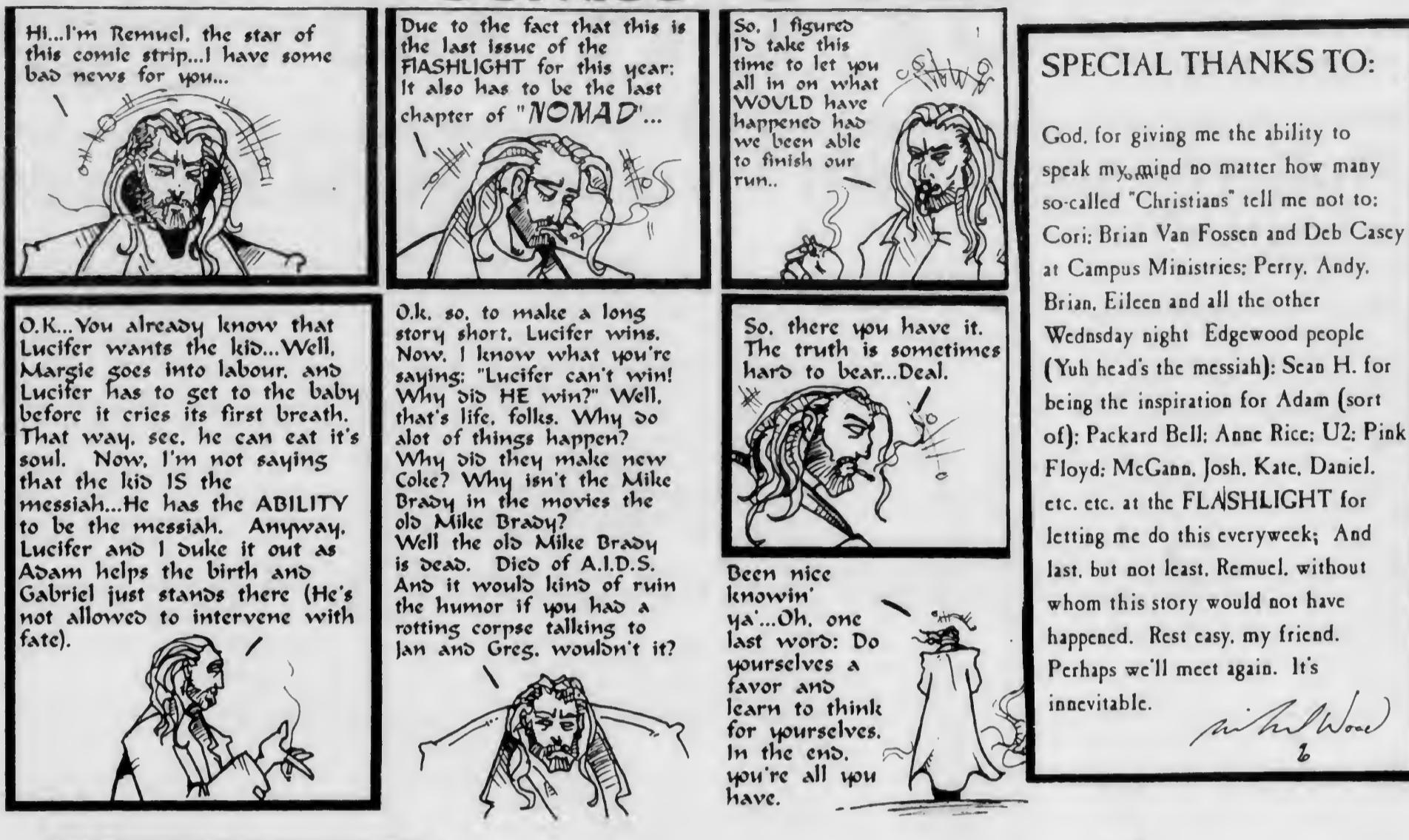
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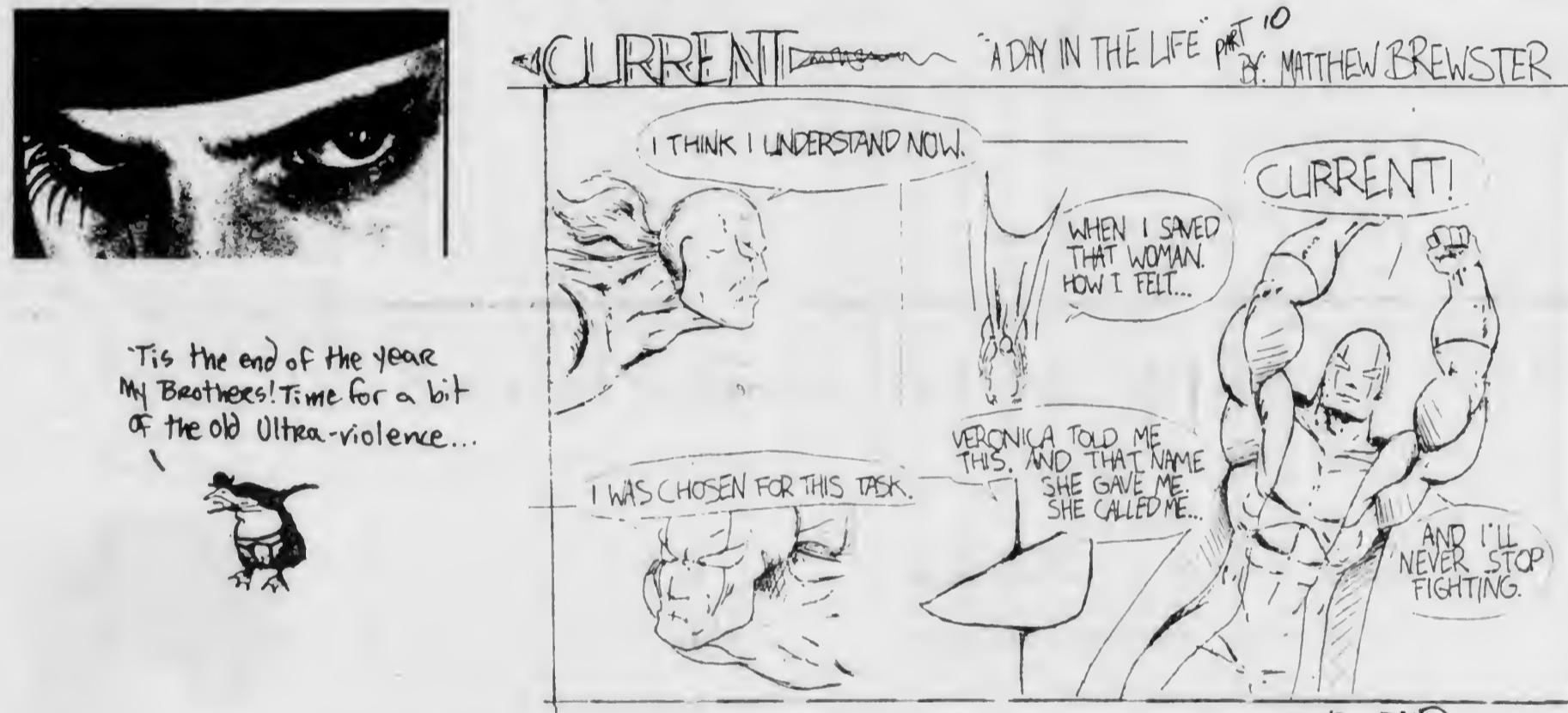
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Doherty signs with Vienna-Austria Rangers

by Amber Lakits
sports editor

Former Mansfield University Mountaineer football standout Mark Doherty recently signed a contract with the Vienna-Austria Rangers of the European Football League.

"I'm really happy to be given an opportunity to play pro-ball," Doherty said. "It's a chance to see what Europe

is all about."

According to Steve McCloskey, sports information director, Doherty will receive \$325 a week, room and board, a car, \$100 bonus per win and travel to Europe from the United States.

According to Doherty, he had a try out with the team six weeks ago.

"When one of their guys (Rangers) went down in their first game I got the call to fill their shoes," Doherty said.

Doherty was a three year starter for the Mounties. He ranks third with 1,727 receiving yards including nine touchdowns. In 1994 Doherty broke the school record in catches with 61. He finished his career fourth on the Mountie all-time record list with 120 catches. In 1994 he was named the Fall Athlete of the Year.

Originally from Wayne, NJ Doherty graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice Administration.

Tom Elsasser, athletic mentor and former Mountaineer football coach for 11 years, sums up Doherty's performance on the field as focused.

"He was completely dedicated," Elsasser said. "He was always in the best shape of anyone of the team and developed into a fine receiver by his senior year."

Doherty will leave this Sunday for Europe. A receiver, Doherty's first game as a Ranger will be in three weeks.

Cacciotti, Mounties dominate the Warriors

by Darren A. Meehan
sports reporter

Senior Mike Cacciotti dominated on the mound while the team continued their domination of the league as the Mounties swept East Stroudsburg Wednesday under and undecided sky.

Cacciotti pitched a complete game and improved his record to 4-0 in the second game of the afternoon double header as clouds and sunshine battled overhead. Unfortunately, clouds would prevail for most of the day before the Diamond Boys silenced the hooting coming from the ESU Warrior's dugout. The struggle for control of the first game endured longer than the other "Hootie"

hollerfest seemed to Monday night on MTV but the locals came out victorious in this one behind great pitching and powerful bats.

Centerfielder Joe Skelly etched the first runs on the score board in the third inning with a two-run homer that helped tie the game at three a piece. Skelly would later guide the team to a 5-4 lead in the fifth.

Shannon Gumby's bases loaded walk in the bottom of the sixth tied the game once again but the team found themselves trailing in the bottom of the seventh. Duke Neatour tied the game with a looper over the left-field fence and Chris Miller ended the game with a bases loaded single through the third base gap. Skelly's consistent per-

formance also gained him four RBI's. The early victory became the running theme throughout the day.

In game two, the Mounties came out early and were swinging fiercely. The bottom of the first produced a 5-0 lead the Warriors would never match. Skelly lead the line-up with a single. He was batted in by Neatour on a triple.

For ESU, the game went downhill from there. With bases loaded Scot Wilcox advanced the lead to two and Neatour made it three on a sacrifice fly by Miller. After Dana Harrold smacked in two runs on a double, Mansfield took a break and took to the field with a comfortable 5-0 lead.

A fruitless top half of the sec-

ond forced ESU back out to the field for Greg Robertson's home run in the second. Once again, it seemed the bats wouldn't stop. Just like the beginning of the season, the mounties didn't even need to bat in the seventh to get their 9-4 win.

Mansfield is currently tied for first with Shippensburg (10-4). The next game for the Diamond Boys will be Saturday when Millersville visits for a double header classic beginning at 1 pm. Shippensburg will face Bloomsburg, who is currently 10-6 and the only other contender for the PSAC East title, in attempt to stay on course with MU.

The Mighty Mighty Mounties will also host Indiana University of Pennsylvania Sunday.

Flashlight Athlete of the Week

Joe Skelly



Joe Skelly has been named Flashlight Athlete of the Week. Skelly hit two, two run home runs and had four RBI's this past week in his first season with the Mounties.

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Player	B-Avg.	GP-GS	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	TB	Slg.%	BB
S. Kent	.344	25-25	64	7	22	12	7	0	0	29	.453	6
S. Thompson	.239	24-24	71	8	17	5	4	1	0	23	.324	1
H. Shelleman	.225	17-13	40	5	9	4	2	1	0	13	.325	7
K. Harlow	.237	25-25	76	8	18	9	1	0	0	19	.250	9
B. Fausnaught	.233	24-22	73	5	17	12	5	0	0	22	.301	7
C. Dyman	.277	22-22	65	7	18	5	2	1	0	22	.338	8
B. McManus	.214	24-24	56	5	12	6	3	2	0	19	.339	8
D. Wascher	.208	17-16	48	5	10	2	0	0	0	10	.208	2
L. McCabe	.200	4-0	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	.200	2
C. Hayes	.179	25-25	56	8	10	4	2	0	0	12	.214	12
M. Tyson	.195	24-24	77	7	15	6	2	0	0	17	.221	5
J. Snyder	.000	12-2	10	7	0	2	0	0	0	0	.000	1
M. Stock	.000	7-7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0

Pitching

Player	W-L	Pct.	ERA	G-GS	CG	SV	SHO	IP	H	R	BB	SO
M. Stock	4-8	.333	2.37	12-12	8	0	0	68.0	72	53	43	15
M. Tyson	3-10	.231	2.15	13-13	12	0	1	91.0	113	52	31	23
B. Fausnaught	0-0	.000	4.20	5-0	0	0	0	10.0	18	20	8	1

Stop calling me a dumb jock-commentary

by Jackie Williams
sports reporter

The discussion is going to be my time. A small voice for the athletic minority, to talk about what it is like being a student-athlete on a college campus to air out a few things I have noticed.

Keep in mind that I am not whining, and this article may be/is totally biased since I am a "dumb jock", (as I have overheard various people comment).

Which brings me to my first grievance: if being involved in a sports makes me a jock, then I am totally and completely guilty. However, "dumb" I am not and neither are the vast majority of athletes out there.

Along with this stereotype goes the image of the athlete as a chronic absentee in classes and caring only about kicking some tail in the night's game.

There are lazy athletes out there, just as

anybody can be a lazy student. But we are students first and athletes second, and we must go to class and scramble to pass just like anyone else. If anything, it may be more difficult for student-athletes because we do not have the extra hours in a day to devote to studying. I can hear some people muttering as I write...True, we chose to participate in sports, but that does not change the facts of the issue; athletes must learn to budget their time better than the average student.

Another theory that many people buy into is that athletes are getting "paid to play" and receive "full-ride" scholarships at Mansfield. Check again, because I think Mansfield University is somehow being confused with Michigan University. True, athletes at Michigan may use college as a stepping-stone into the professional ranks, but I guarantee that most student athletes at Mansfield University are not disillusioned by such ideas.

The only sport that even has a

chance is baseball, and even their recent best players are currently in the minor leagues. A lot of hard work, heart and prior commitment has gone into every dollar that is awarded to a student athlete.

Those students that are receiving academic scholarships, or any other merit award understand that a lot had to be given to get the results. And like anybody else receiving a scholarship, a certain standard must be maintained, both in the classroom and the playing field, to keep the award. So, it is by no means free money. Rather, it is money that has been achieved and serves to help some of the athletes on this campus to get a college education.

The last though I have for this article is about how much money athletics receive out of the overall budget of the university. I have no idea how much money sports are funded with overall, but I do know that it does cost a lot to run sports programs at a college

level and that some sports are much more costly than others. In a perfect world, everybody would get the same amount of money and there would be plenty of it to go around. But hey, this is not a utopia we are living in here.

Whether or not it is fair that sports receive more money than other activities, probably not. In defense however, sports do bring a lot of community recognition and finances back to the school, and we also pay that recreational fee that everybody else does. The big difference is that we very seldom get to participate in any types of extra-curricular activities because our schedules won't allow it.

Every activity on this campus does not have as much money to work with as they would like to, even sports. That is why you see athletes doing fundraisers to raise some money for themselves so they don't have to rely totally on the "spare pickings" that Mansfield's budget offers.

Mountaineer Outdoors-sports commentary

by Alan Houck
sports reporter

The pinnacle of the spring has finally arrived in the form of the Pennsylvania spring turkey season. For weeks now I have read informative articles for harvesting the "boss of the mountain", but I have decided to follow my own instincts.

Their information, ideas and strategies are good, but I am a pioneer and will attempt to forge my own way through the mazes of trees, hollows and ravines. This season of sport in my opinion is the most intense display of man

verses nature. It is a "contest" that pushes each subject to the highest point of their ability and then just a little more. The challenge is awesome if you are willing to take the first step.

We will set up a scenario for those who perhaps have not been able to get out or wish to just lay in bed and waste the day away recovering from a hangover. It begins the night before opening morning. I have selected my area where I have noticed a lot of sign in the forms of scratchings, droppings and tracks.

I get there around six-thirty in the p.m. of Friday and wait patiently. Suddenly a boom comes echoing through

the limbs parallel to my location in the form of a gobble. My eyes perk open in the diminishing daylight searching for the bird that will roost in the trees. My only sense that is of use are my ears as I hear wingbeats crashing against limbs. One last gobble confirms his location and now the hunt begins. I have just accomplished roosting the bird or putting them to bed.

The alarm blares in my ear as I open my eyes to see 4:00 flashing like the yellow light in the square of town after 12. Reluctantly I slide out of bed and put on a few garments to keep away the cool morning temps in my house. After meandering to the kitchen and

making a cup of coffee to become fully comprehensive. I gather my goods and pile them near the door. My steps quicken as the clock is ticking to get into my clothes and drive to my spot. I have gotten everything I need and my trek up the hill is a blind one, but it is worth it at the moment I lean my back against a big oak and wait patiently for his royalness to open up. TO BE CONTINUED.....

Key points to remember for tomorrow. Each hunter must wear 100 sq. inches of orange while moving. Each hunter must stop hunting by 12, and be out of the woods by 1 o'clock. Safety is the key, identify your target and do not become a statistic.

MU softball team drops two to Kutztown Golden Bears

by Joe Wagner
sports reporter

The Mansfield University softball team dropped two games of a double-header to the Kutztown Golden Bears last Sunday.

During the first game, Kutztown pitcher Tiffany Mattiuz hurled a no-hitter to totally shut down the Mountaineer offense. No walks were issued by Mattiuz as she led the Golden Bears to their 6-0 victory.

Melissa Stock took the loss for the Mounties. She gave up six hits but allowed only one walk.

Mansfield lost the second game as well. They did, however, knock out six hits. But they could only muster two runs to Kutztown's five scores.

The Mounties held a 2-1 lead until the top of the sixth inning. The Golden Bears put together a string of hits and took advantage of walks and Mountaineer errors to go ahead. Kutztown held on to win the game 5-2.

Senior Kristen Harlow led the Mansfield offense with two hits. Stephanic Kent, Heather Shelleman, Beth Fausnaught and Dawn Wascher each had a hit to contribute to the Mountaineer effort.

The Mountaineers then traveled to Millersville on Tuesday. Mansfield won the first game to split the double-header with the Marauders.

Melissa Tyson picked up the win for the Mountaineers. She allowed six hits but only one earned run. She pitched the entire game for the Mounties and had one strike out.

Sherry Thompson, Beth Fausnaught, and Christina Dyman each had two hits for the Mountaineers.

The Mounties fell behind in the second inning when Millersville scored two runs in the bottom of the inning. The Mounties tied the game in the top of the fourth. They added a run each inning afterward to win the game 5-2.

The Mountaineers lost the second part of the doubleheader. The second game developed into a slugfest. The

Mountaineers compiled ten hits and Millersville had 14.

Millersville started very strong. They scored nine runs in the first and one in the second. But the pitcher Missy Stock and the rest of the Mountaineer defense shut Millersville out for the rest of the game.

Mansfield scored two runs of their own runs in the first. The Mounties scored only once in the next

four innings but exploded for five hits in the top of the sixth. They could not however make up the two runs they needed in the seventh inning.

Beth Fausnaught had three hits and scored three runs with one RBI to lead the Mansfield offense. Christina Dyman went four for five with one run scored and had one RBI.

Mansfield is now currently 9-26 overall and 6-14 in the PSAC.

Meet The Team

by: Amber Lakits
sports editor

Name: Mike Marconi

Year: freshman

Position: third base

Hometown: Kane

High School: Kane High School



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MU baseball

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Lizards perform to sold out audience

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So, what really happens when a middle-age married couple meets a couple of lizards?

Mansfield University theatre department's presentation of *Seascape*, a Pulitzer Prize winning play by Edward Albee, opened Thursday night.

"There are a myriad of themes intertwined in this play," Dr. Andrew Longoria, director of the play and theatre professor.

The middle-aged couple, Nancy and Charlie, played by Anmarie Ruggiero and Michael B.F. McElhinney respectively, began the show discussing their relationship. While the two spent time on the beach, they found that their relationship was not as fulfilling as they originally thought.

Nancy admitted that years ago she had considered divorcing Charlie. She is the more adventurous of the two, while Charlie is more unconcerned. She yearned to be a beach nomad, wandering beaches across the world. Charlie was content to do nothing.

"We can't do nothing," Nancy said. "We will do something. We can't have children, spend time together and do nothing."

The conversation turned from discontent to reminiscing about the days of youth. Charlie remembered that as a child, he sat at the bottom of the cove wishing that he lived in the ocean. Nancy encouraged Charlie to act like he did when he was younger and to find the coves again.

In the midst of Nancy and Charlie's dialogue, two giant lizards, played by Autumn Lantz and Eman S. Domboski, invaded the seascape.

Initially, the lizards frightened Nancy and Charlie, but then they real-

ized that, not only can they communicate to the human couple, but that they have many of the same problems.

"There are echos from the couples," Longoria said. "Circular plots are an element in theater of the absurd."

Longoria added that the script offers a fresh approach to the themes in the play. The play's themes included evolution, deep philosophy, love, sex, and relationships.

The lizards, Sarah and Leslie, had to learn about emotions from Nancy and Charlie. In a sense, they experienced a social evolution in their attempt to understand how humans live and function in society.

The play also goes into deep philosophy as Charlie attempts to explain Rene Descartes's idea of "I think, therefore I am." Leslie acknowledges Charlie's philosophy and states that he thinks and therefore exists.

Charlie raises the question about brutality among species wondering as to who is more primitive. An argument ensues among the characters. The conflict is resolved after they all examined their own situations.

Longoria took an unusual approach to staging the show by placing the audience directly on stage with the actors. He used this staging two years ago for Moliere's *School for Wives*.

"There has been a demand for more innovative and intimate shows," Longoria said. "You're onstage with the actors and you're a part of it."

The set was a simple construction of a seascape complete with driftwood and sounds of the ocean. The lizards were complimented with elaborate costumes designed by Michael Wood.

Ruggiero was convincing as Nancy, a middle-aged woman who still feels the need to travel and see the world. As she is no stranger to the stage, her experience as an actor is apparent. Ruggiero was most recently seen as Agatha in *Guys and Dolls* and Lady



Photo by Liz Barrett

(left to right): Anmarie Ruggiero, Autumn Lantz, Eman S. Domboski, Michael B.F. McElhinney. Edward Albee's *Seascape* being rehearsed by the cast. The play will be performed on Friday and Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 2pm.

Bracknell in *The Importance of Being Earnest* earlier this year.

McElhinney had his first lead role in this show. His performance was not as strong as Ruggiero and at times she overpowers him. However, he has a chemistry with Ruggiero and their scenes have the warm affection of a middle-aged couple.

Lantz again is no stranger to the stage as she has been in many productions at MU including *Guys and Dolls*, *Fortinbras*, and *Our Town*. She was graceful and charming as Sarah, the native lizard, who finds that everything is "interesting" about humans and their society, especially hand shaking. Her grace was especially effective in her reptilian movements.

To round out the cast, Domboski was also convincing as Leslie, the lizard who was extremely proud of being a member of his species. His reptilian curiosity and the need to "check things out" made his performance especially effective.

Overall, the show was interest-

ing and well performed by the cast. The cast as a unit worked well together and it is obvious that they are a close knit group of people that work well together.

"I have a great cast and a great crew," Longoria said. "I am pleased with their performance."

According to Longoria, the seating for this show is limited as there are 110 seats available. Potential audience members should be aware that seating is tight. If you are uncomfortable with this, you may choose to sit in an aisle seat.

Tickets for reserved seating will be released and sold if they are not claimed fifteen minutes before the show.

Tickets are \$2 for students, \$5 for adults, and \$4 for senior citizens. *Seascape* will be performed in Straughn Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Longoria wished to apologize for an error in the program. Tim Griffin's name was misspelled.



Photo by Liz Barrett
Actors Autumn Lantz and Eman S. Domboski acting as lizards during rehearsal in Edward Albee's *Seascape* in Straughn Auditorium.

Calendar

Friday, April 26

1-4pm Free pool at the Rec Desk in Memorial Hall

8pm Showcase Ensemble Concert in Steadman Theatre (Second Annual Scholarship Benefit Weekend Event)

6-8pm Mysterious Eskimo Show on WNTE

10pm Zanzibar at the HUT

Saturday, April 27

1pm Softball at home with East Stroudsburg

1pm Track & Field away at Millersville

1pm Baseball at home with Millersville

8pm Faculty Scholarship Recital in Steadman Theatre (Second Annual Scholarship Benefit Weekend)

10pm Zanzibar at the HUT

Sunday, April 28

Baseball at home with Indiana University of PA

3pm Wind Ensemble Concert in Steadman Theatre

7pm Choral Concert in Steadman Theatre (Both are Second Annual Scholarship Weekend Events)

8pm Zanzibar at the HUT

Monday, April 29

7pm 7th Annual Student Recognition Banquet in North Dining Hall

4pm Flashlight meeting, 217 Memorial Hall

9pm Student Government Meeting, Memorial Hall

Tuesday, April 30

1pm Ebony Discussion Hour in the MLK Center, Memorial Hall

1pm Softball away at Millersville

9pm MAC meeting in lower Memorial

Sigma movie night at The HUT

Wednesday, May 1

11-1pm Free popcorn at the Rec Desk in Memorial Hall

1pm Baseball at home with SUNY-Cortland

9pm MAC Coffeehouse at the HUT

Thursday, May 2

1pm International Discussion Hour in the MLK Center, Memorial Hall

8pm Symphonic Band Concert in Steadman Theatre

9pm Zanzibar at the HUT